

February 17, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Justin Sisserman. My family, which includes myself, my wife and our 6 year daughter live in the Lutherville-Timonium area on Dipping Pond Court. We have lived in the area since 2015.

I want to explain my stance on the nearby hemp farm issue. I have no issue with the growing of hemp or the hemp industry, however, based on this past year's experience, I feel it prudent to have hemp farming away from a residential area.

Like so many other neighbors in our area, we too were forced to deal with the horrid smell of the hemp growth on the Broadway road farm for a period of at least 3 months this summer. The smell, which is a by-product of the hemp farm, infiltrated our community, our roads, our houses, our garage, our clothes closets, our bedrooms and OUR LIVES.

I suffer from have hay fever allergies, so we keep the windows closed through out the year. The problem is that not only did the smell engulf our house, but it got inside (through closed windows) causing a strong obnoxious odor, like an abundance of skunks in our house. It was almost unlivable.

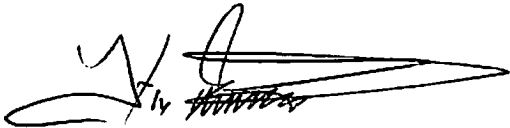
During the summer months, my daughter suffered through allergies that she did not previously have. I can not say for certain that the hemp was the reason for this, but I also can not rule this out. There simply has not been enough studies to let us know the harm or safety of close proximity hemp growing to a residential neighborhood and the current and future effect on our children.

As a father I have the sole responsibility to safe guard my child, but the state has allowed a pilot program farmer to grow hemp and this has taken away that ability from me.

I understand, that the farm in question was in existence before we moved to this area. From my knowledge it was a tree nursery until this past year. However, in the last year, hemp farming has become legal under the pilot program in Maryland, and I feel that our rights and safety has been violated by allowing this farm to grow hemp in close proximity to residential houses.

I am in agreement with the two-mile buffer between hemp farm and residence. All across the nation, outrage and concern has come from the unexpected side effect of hemp farming. We did not ask to participate in the hemp farming and yet we are victims of it's putrid smell and potentially dangerous medical side effects.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Sisserman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Justin Sisserman

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