

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB964/HB510/HB574**  
Agriculture - Hemp Research and Production - Prohibitions

My name is Jody Maier Troy and I live 22 Sugarvale Way in Lutherville, Maryland. I have lived at that address for more than 20 years with my husband, three sons, and numerous pets.

I am writing in support of SB964/HB510/HB574. My home is very close to the Hemp Farm off of Broadway Road. During the Fall of this past year, I began smelling what I thought was someone using marijuana in or around my home. I was having a bathroom remodeled at the time and was concerned that the individuals doing the work might be under the influence. I said nothing (thank heavens) because within 24 hours I learned that the smell was actually from the hemp farm so close by. The smell intensified based on the winds and I presume whatever was going on at the farm to process the hemp. The smell was overpowering and remarkably unpleasant.

The harvesting season coincided with our celebration of the Jewish holiday of Succos where we build temporary outdoor structures in which we eat for about a week. We typically host guests in our "sukkah" but chose not to do so because of the terrible smell in the neighborhood. Just going outside during the harvesting season was particularly unpleasant because of the terrible smell. The smell permeated into our house.

I have learned that studies have raised concerns about the health issues hemp may pose to nearby residents. In fact, other communities faced with this issue have completely banned hemp farming in their communities. Remarkably, Ventura County in California, presumably a very liberal, progressive county, has banned hemp farming.

We are asking for a reasonable restriction to ensure the health and safety of our community and to ensure we can rightfully and peacefully enjoy our property.

For these reasons, I ask for a FAVORABLE REPORT on SB964/HB510/HB574