

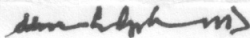
My name is Steven E. Caplan. I live in Lutherville-Timonium at 14 Barthel Court and I am a pediatrician in practice for 40 years in Baltimore. I am a father of two and grandfather of four.

My family has lived in Lutherville for 34 years. Our house is located within a quarter of a mile of the hemp farm.

Like so many of my neighbors, my family experienced health issues last year that we believe may have been the result of breathing whatever the nearby hemp field was emitting. These included nausea and asthma related problems

There is not enough evidence of the safety of hemp farming in residential areas. As an expert in lead intoxication for the courts, I am very sensitive to the presence of chemicals being regarded as safe before adequate studies are performed. I am concerned that hemp could be similarly dangerous, but there is currently a lack of adequate evidence. I am concerned this could cause long lasting health problems. Residents in the immediate vicinity should not have to be forced to risk adverse effects on their health. Therefore, I am very much in favor of laws restricting hemp agriculture near residential areas.

Sincerely,



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