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**HB249**

**IN SUPPORT**

**Agriculture- License to Produce Hemp- Limitation**

For two years, my District 11 colleagues and I have received communication from numerous constituents regarding the foul odors from a hemp farm located in their neighborhood. These constituents have complained that the hemp farms' close proximity to their residences has resulted in a noxious odor that permeates their homes and disrupts their standard of living during the growing season.

This bill seeks to remedy this issue by requiring additional regulation in the licensing by the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) of any person to grow hemp in a location that is within 25 feet of at least three residential properties unless the applicant agrees to grow the hemp inside and exhaust the fumes. This reasonable policy will serve to ensure that the odors from hemp plants do not create a reduced standard of living for nearby residences.

Attached you will find letters from the Baltimore County attorney as well as the Attorney General regarding this matter that may be helpful to see that this action is probably the best to accomplish the goal of having neighbors working together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon S. Cardin".

Delegate Jon Cardin

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