



## Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents

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Environmental and Transportation Committee:

This letter is to express our opposition to **House Bill 472 – Glyphosate – Prohibition**. The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents (MAAGCS) represents over 100 golf facilities and companies in Maryland and we have over 400 members. Currently, glyphosate is only being applied on golf courses in this state by licensed and trained personnel.

Glyphosate is an essential tool that is used on the golf course for weed management in a variety of capacities. It is a safe and reliable product that helps to control invasive species. The alternatives to glyphosate provide mediocre control and create a financial burden for the users. The EPA released a review of glyphosate in January 2020 concluding there is no risk to human health when used in accordance with the label. The EPA also found it is not a carcinogen.

This association has recently completed a comprehensive Best Management Practices document and website for our members to adhere. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) has always been a principle by which our members follow. IPM calls for the rotation of active ingredients to combat chemical resistance. Our members are at the forefront of research and we work actively with local universities to make sure we are using the best available tools to control pests in this region.

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents requests your **NO** vote on House Bill 472.

Thank you,

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