



Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:
Maryland State Senate
In reference to Senate Bill 0158
January 31, 2023

Dear Committee Members,

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents opposes Senate Bill 0158. We believe all pesticides registration and review should go through the proper regulatory bodies created specifically for this purpose. The EPA has created a 2021-2024 strategic road map to address PFAS chemicals and how they affect our environment. This government entity was created to regulate the pesticide industry and should be the ultimate decision maker on the use and regulation of all pesticides in the United States.

The legislation created could not be enforced because there is no EPA validated testing method for PFAS. Testing labs would not test for the substance since there is no validated testing available. This bill is essentially a pesticide ban in the state of Maryland because the compliance requirements for registration are unattainable.

This is legislative overreach into an area that is already sufficiently state regulated by the Maryland Department of Agriculture and federally regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency. We need to allow the scientists to do their jobs and regulate the chemicals as driven by the science. That is why the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will continue to oppose Senate Bill 0158.

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