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TO: Maryland Senate Finance Committee

FR: Mrs. Terry M. Nuriddin.15201 Johnstone Lane, Bowie, MD 20721

RE: Opposition to 2024 Senate Bill 537: Cannabis – Licensee Locations – Restrictions

cc: Public Files

Preface to Our Concerns: In respect to the proposed 2024 Maryland Legislative Session, my family believes it is essential for lawmakers to create legislation that protects and promotes the health and well-being of their citizenry.

1. We oppose the 2024 Senate Bill 537: Cannabis – Licensee Locations – Restrictions.
2. We interpret this proposed legislation as a **“Bill of Rights”** for the marijuana industry with a blatant disregard for our human rights and community concerns.
3. Reference to “political subdivisions” (communities, cities, and counties) as to what they cannot do, is actually a mere cover as to what **“We The People,”** cannot do. If we oppose the close proximity of these undignified businesses to our community establishments, e.g., schools, daycares, places-of-worship, grocery stores, **“We The People,”** cannot petition our elected officials to change the content of this bill if it becomes law, even though we vote to put you elected officials in office.
4. Senate Bill 537 is bad public policy as it is intended to compel those citizens who do not want a marijuana lifestyle woven into their daily fabric of family living to accept and live under such circumstances.
5. These manmade laws are contrary to the natural rights of all citizens to **“Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness,”** for you have intentionally designed your laws to overlay our wholesome residential life with a recreational drug-culture. You are creating laws to unnecessary harm the well-being of community life for residents, especially our children, seniors, and handicapped neighbors.
6. It is shameful that our lawmakers willingly affront our common decency for global financial and export markets. SB.537 disrespects the dignity of the individual and reflects a moral disregard for community life in Maryland. This bill increases the probability of increased crime and endangers innocent lives. It creates an unlimited free run of marijuana industry on our communities.
7. This unnecessary forced intersection of vice and entertainment venues into daily family life is a historical enslavement weapon and your bill is designed to legally enslave marijuana users and non-users into an abyss of addictive behavior and the societal consequences thereof.
8. There is no moral value or direct benefit to an individual or community using or selling marijuana. **“We The People,”** want politicians to create health and safety laws that create a **“Town Made Safe”** for all Maryland citizens.