

February 14, 2024

Dear Senator Bailey,

Re: Seven Points AgroTherapeutics, LLC cannabis industrial facility  
at 21420 Abell Rd, Abell, MD

Our names are James and Ruth Morris and we reside at 21517 Gerard's Cove Road, Abell, MD. We have 3 daughters ages 15, 13, and 12. We are writing this letter to convey our disappointment, concern, and lack of communication regarding the facility referenced above and Senate Bill 158.

We have many concerns regarding this facility and the growing of cannabis within 650 of our home..

- Critical area: The building is located in the critical area. Owners of property in the critical area have been turned down for very minor additions, yet this building was approved. It is our understanding that this project is zoned as agricultural and that is how this LLC was able to get approval for what has been built. If you were to see this building, it is clearly industrial and belongs in an industrial zoned area.
- Communication: No residents were informed of this facility.
- Water Use: Since this facility is not in an industrial zone, it is on the same aquifer as all residential properties. Cannabis plants require a lot of irrigation and moisture. What will be the effect on my drinking water and well?
- Stormwater Management: We question where the run off of impurities is going and how can we be sure this does not get in our waterways and food resources of crabs, oysters and fish.
- Air quality: The growing of cannabis puts off a strong odor that lasts quite a long time. We have experienced this from the growing of cannabis inside the 50,000+ square foot warehouse. We can't imagine what kind of odor we would experience if this was grown outside. We lay in our bed at night and experience the odor now. We are concerned with the air quality of our neighborhood and the affects on my family's respiratory system.
- Traffic: This is a rural area. The roads have no shoulders and road widths are minimal. There have already been many large trucks and additional traffic due to this facility. There have been times when Abell Road and Gerard's Cove Road have been blocked due to these things. This facility will continue to bring such traffic and therefore the traffic problems will continue.

- Noise and lights: With a 24/7 operation comes certain state requirements for lighting and security. We are concerned about how this intrudes on our rural environment. These lights shine right onto our property through our windows at night.
- Expansion: We are concerned about what comes next. We were not informed about this building. Will there be more that go up in the same way as this one or will other ways of growing cannabis happen without informing us?
- Property Values: What will happen to our property value?
- Safety: With this facility will come workers which brings more people to our small community. More people bring more crime. Our daughters have to walk to and from the end of Gerard's Cove Road to the bus stop everyday. That means they walk right beside the facility. There are been workers that make noises at them as they walk. Also, the noise from the facility causes them not to hear traffic that is coming behind them. We were not concerned with them walking when it was a field of beans or corn. Now there is a huge, loud building with many people.

We are asking for your help. This facility should have never happened in the way it was allowed to occur. The community was not informed at all. We do not want this facility to expand in **any** way. We have lived on Gerard's Cove Road for 23 years and have always loved where we live. We were proud to tell people we live in Abell. We would say, "It's so peaceful and beautiful." That is not the case now.

Respectfully,

James and Ruth Morris