

To whom it may concern,

I am very troubled by this proposed legislation. I am unclear what prompted this, but it will have huge impacts on so many recreational activities. Any responsible organization has secured an insurance policy for activities or events that involve some risk. Without a buffer of release forms, this opens the path to bad seeds that are just going to sue at every turn. This is going to skyrocket our insurance policies and put us out of business. This will have huge implications in the business of all recreational sports, sporting venues and businesses.

You really haven't thought this through. Every single person that participates in sports, (particularly equestrian events) understands that sports involve some risk. They need to assume some responsibility for making that choice to participate in these activities.

As a manager of a horse boarding operation, this bill could really affect me. Horses are animals, animals are unpredictable, they trip, they spook, they act silly some days. Am I to be held responsible for that ?? If a horse has a bad trip and the rider falls, I am to be held liable for a huge sum of money? How is that my fault ? A release form clarifies that the person riding understands that horses are animals and that there is some inherent risk when handling or riding them.

In a time where you have people being shot daily, there is a huge drug epidemic, car jackings everywhere - do you really want to beat down all recreational activities, these activities keep kids off of the streets, they pour tons of money into Maryland. There are far bigger problems in Maryland, focus on something that will help not hurt the citizens of Maryland

You REALLY haven't thought this through ! This is going to devastate the recreational activities part of MD. Please vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

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