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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair  
Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing  
11 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Senate Bill 253 – Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit – Research- Facilities –  
Chemical Warfare Material Requirements – FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 253. This legislation will ultimately benefit not only the State of Maryland but the United States as a whole.

I am the owner of Nappi Associates, LLC, a women-owned small business that provides consulting services to Harford County non-profits. My primary customer is the Army Alliance, a non-profit civic organization that advocates for the mission, people and positions at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). I am also a retired Army civilian employee, concluding my career as the Deputy for Operations and Plans at the Communications-Electronics Command at APG. In my Army civilian career and now as a consultant, I have had varying assignments in which I collaborated with the senior leaders and researchers that are responsible for the technologies that are the cause for the proposed legislation. I can confidently state that these technologies are necessary and critical to ensure the safety of our warfighters and that the work will be done safely and in accordance with all environmental safeguards. I am proud to have had the opportunity to collaborate with the highly capable, well-educated workforce (many of which are PhDs) that are responsible for this critical work.

I have come to appreciate the economic impact of APG for Northeastern MD and the state -APG is the sixth largest workforce center in the state. Additionally, these highly skilled, educated workers performing this critical work will attract additional high technology missions and workforce, helping to further establish Maryland as a leader in technology. For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 253.

Sue Nappi  
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cc: Tom Albro, Chair of the Maryland Defense Research Coalition (MDRC)  
Joan Smith, Bryson F. Popham, P.A., MDRC Executive Director