



Maryland Association of Green Industries, Inc.

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Chairwoman Joseline Peña-Melnyk
House Health and Government Operations Committee
240 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 386 - Pesticides – PFAS Chemicals – Prohibitions – OPPOSED

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Mark Schlossberg, and I serve as the president of the Maryland Association of Green Industries, Inc. (MAGI). We represent Maryland's lawn care operators, golf course superintendents, pest control professionals, and industry suppliers.

While we share concerns about the potential health effects of PFAS chemicals, we believe the current scientific evidence does not justify outright bans on essential products our industry relies on. You will hear from our member organizations and manufacturer representatives with further details, but I want to highlight a key concern for lawn care professionals: the proposed ban would prohibit prodiamine, a critical tool for controlling crabgrass, stiltgrass, and other invasive summer annual weeds. Additionally, other affected products are vital to golf course maintenance and pest control operations.

All pesticides—herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, and rodenticides—undergo extensive testing and periodic re-evaluation to ensure they remain safe when used according to label instructions. As industry professionals, we are fully committed to following these guidelines to minimize risks to the public and the environment. We believe the federal government, using sound, unbiased science, should lead the way in determining appropriate regulations.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the committee to vote **AGAINST HB 386**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you.

Mark I. Schlossberg
President