



Maryland Association of Green Industries, Inc.

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Chairman Marc Korman
House Environment and Transportation Committee
250 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Ref: HB91 - Agriculture - Neonicotinoid Pesticides – Prohibitions - **OPPOSED**

Chairman Korman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Green Industries, Inc., I am submitting this testimony in opposition to HB 91. Our group represents lawn care companies, golf course superintendents, pest control operators and others involved in applying nutrients and/or pest control products professionally to lawns, landscapes and around residential and commercial properties here in Maryland.

This bill would virtually eliminate the use of neonicotinoid products that are very cost-effective in controlling many turf and ornamental pests and structural pests as well. The beauty of neonicotinoids is that they are systemic and can be taken up by plant roots. They can be applied through root injections and soils drenches thus reducing the need for spraying that could drift and cause more damage to pollinators. They have all been approved by EPA after years of testing and most of the products in use now have been available to the public for many years. The replacement products that are available now are much more expensive.

At least keeping neonicotinoids available to Maryland Certified Applicators like our member organizations makes the most sense as we are trained to apply the products at the proper rates and this reduces the risk to the public and the environment.

We respectfully ask the committee to give an **UNFAVORABLE** report on HB 91.

Thank you,

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