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Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Brad Leahy, I am a lifelong resident of Maryland. I wanted to go on the record to strongly oppose Maryland House Bill 1237 for the following reasons:

After taking the time to read the existing pesticide regulations, I see there are ample regulations to inform Marylanders about pesticide applications for those that truly need it. This bill will end up causing a further divide amongst Marylanders, something we all should be opposed to. I am extremely concerned about my privacy and how this information would be used now and in the future.

The true cost of this bill will be passed on to the consumer. Marylanders are already suffering from rising costs, this bill will only make it worse, and the effects will be felt the most in the lowest income families.

Maryland is already ranked as one of the worst states to do business in. This bill would only burden existing business and deter future investment into what was once a thriving economy. We can't afford to lose any more jobs.

This bill would set a precedent for future government overreach. In the future would I have to inform my neighbor that I am going to mow my lawn, wash my car, or power wash my house? Where would this end?

I see no benefit for Marylanders. Pesticide applications will still be made. This bill will only hurt consumers, business owners, and their employees. This bill will do way more harm than good.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Committee to give Maryland House Bill 1237 an **unfavorable report**.

Sincerely,
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