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As a Maryland resident, I am urging you to vote against HB77 for a variety of reasons. Unlike some people who often deal in hysteria, I researched the topic, and found that this industry has done an excellent job of policing itself. They abandoned the coal tar product they had been using, even though there were no studies or evidence that linked the product to endangering the environment.

The current product they are using is safe, non-toxic and gives the consumer a quality product. When I was informed of this bill being introduced and passed with no supporting evidence, I was terribly upset and dismayed that all this was going to do was to put more people out of work and add more misery to the economy. You might want to observe, as I did, that the individuals who perform this work obviously don't have much and depend on this summer work to support their families. If they have to use an inferior product, the consumer will stop having the work done. Also, like other industries, there are numerous other jobs created from the manufacture, distribution, support products, installers, and finally to the consumer.

As you know, people are suffering. "PLEASE DON'T PUT THESE PEOPLE OUT OF WORK." Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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