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Testimony of Neil Seldman
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The Institute for Local Self-Reliance is in full support of HB 857, establishing chain of custody reporting requirements for artificial turf owners and manufacturers.

The bill requires that manufacturers and distributors of artificial turf take responsibility for this material, which poses major disposal challenge for local jurisdictions, schools and recreation departments. This measure will relieve local government of the considerable cost related to managing this waste material.

Throughout the country new rules are being passed to make industry responsible for their products that are not recyclable such as batteries, mercury switches, paint and products with hazard content. HB 857 is the first in the nation that addresses artificial turf making Maryland a leader.

This legislation will help Maryland on the path to a modern Zero Waste approach to recycling and waste management.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Seldman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Neil" and last name "Seldman" clearly distinguishable.

Neil Seldman
President,
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