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I would like to express my opposition to SB 0537 and HB 0805, specifically to the following provision:

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**6 (F) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY NOT ADOPT AN ORDINANCE
7 ESTABLISHING A ZONING REQUIREMENT FOR A LICENSED GROWER
8 CULTIVATING
9 CANNABIS OUTDOORS THAT IS MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN ANY ZONING
10 REQUIREMENTS THAT EXISTED ON JUNE 30, 2023, GOVERNING A HEMP
11 FARM
12 REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 14 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE IN THE
13 POLITICAL
14 SUBDIVISION.**

Please make every effort to oppose this provision in these bills to ensure they are not enacted including informing your fellow legislators the oppressive burden these two bills would place on the impacted citizens of MARYLAND and I know it is impacting those in St. Mary's County. Please Kill them.

I would invite the lawmakers to spend a week in my home to fully understand what we are living with.

For background.....There has been much controversy with the cannabis business in my area. It is obtrusive and the state would love to have them anywhere.

As there have never been any hemp farms in St. Mary's County prior to 2023, and there have never been any zoning requirements governing hemp farms, the above referenced provision of the said bills prohibits or nullifies any local regulation of outdoor cannabis cultivation. This additional obtrusion is detrimental to the citizens of Maryland.

These bills are a clever attempt to allow Story Cannabis to cultivate cannabis plants outdoors, which will greatly affect me and my community.

Of all of the affronts to the local community surrounding the existing cannabis indoor grow facility in St. Mary's County, the pervasive smell emitted by the facility is perhaps the worst. There is no way for the nearby community to avoid it. It seeps into the air we breathe, inside our homes, and on our property. Outdoor growing of cannabis would exacerbate the affront many times over. Outdoor growing would not even have the benefit of the minimal mitigation of the smell applied to the indoor facility.

Additional work is needed by the State of Maryland to **eliminate smell and reduce noise coming from any and all hemp growing facilities.** It is detrimental to the

citizens of our state to have clean, fresh air in their neighborhoods, and not feel like we live in a beehive from the equipment operations.

Additionally, I can testify that 500 feet is not enough space to minimize the affects of the cannabis industry and especially outdoor growing!! **TWO MILES (from all directions) is more appropriate to allow the grow house to operate and minimize the effects** on any property owners, businesses, schools, etc. I live 1200 feet away from the Story grow house in St Mary's County and the smell is awful. **It takes my breath away and forces me inside.** I can no longer take my 2 mile walk outside, take my bike rides that encompassed 10 to 15 miles of back road riding from my home, or just enjoy sitting in my yard. The smell is awful. The noise is irritating. I have lived here for 40 years, as of May 2024, and taking away my ability to enjoy MY property was something I NEVER thought would occur.

Kill these bills, think first of how the cannabis industry and the citizens can live together, and give the citizens of Maryland back their rights to enjoy their properties.