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January 26, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC & FIRST CLASS MAIL**

The Honorable Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB472 – Agriculture - Use of Glyphosate - Prohibition

Delegate Barve,

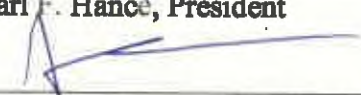
Upon discussion with our Director of Parks & Recreation, the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County has concerns regarding HB472. Our Department uses the weed killer "Roundup" and glyphosates to control invasive species and keep weeds under control. When appropriately used by our licensed staff, there are no risks to health or the environment. Banning glyphosates dramatically increases costs, and impacts the effectiveness of noxious and invasive species management strategies, and will likely increase workforce requirements to, for example, keep aesthetics of some areas weed-eating along fence lines.

We, therefore, request the Committee consider the unfavorable and negative impacts of this Bill, should it be passed. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, ext. 2202, or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, ext. 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,

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cc: Calvert County Senators and Calvert County Delegation

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