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**Testimony on: Baltimore City Council Bill 20-0495: Pesticide Control and Regulation,
Healthy Committee
Position: Support
Hearing Date: May 7, 2020**

Dear Honorable Committee Chairman and Members of the Baltimore City Council,

The Sierra Club Greater Baltimore Group and the Maryland Chapter strongly supports Council Bill 20-0495 Pesticide Control and Regulation. Sierra Club has over 20,300 members and supporters in Baltimore City. The bill would allow Baltimore City to provide greater public health protections from harmful pesticide exposure and set people's health and our environment as a priority.

The bill proposes restrictions on the use of **glyphosate** and **chlorpyrifos** in the city; it would restrict the use of **neonicotinoids** on city-owned property; it would restrict the use of all **conventional pesticide** on lawns, playgrounds, mulched recreation areas, children's facilities, and playing fields while allowing for the use of organic or minimal risk pesticides. There are exceptions for invasive species, disease vectors, and biting insects, and others. The bill also requires retailers to provide information about the law and applicators to provide notices or markers.

Despite federal and state regulation of pesticides, the safeguards are woefully inadequate.¹ The EPA does not evaluate actual pesticide formulations, does not assess health effects from exposure to multiple pesticides, and lacks adequate data on long-term and low-dose health effects of exposure to pesticides. Also, under the conditional registration loophole, the EPA allows many pesticides on the market without a full set of toxicity tests. Sierra Club advocates for restrictions on harmful pesticides and supports local government efforts to regulate these toxic chemicals more strictly to shift the responsibility of avoiding pesticides off of people - especially children - and onto pesticide manufacturers.

Currently, the use of dangerous pesticides in outdoor spaces is an individual choice, yet the consequences of that choice are imposed upon all other residents and our environment. Even when these chemicals are used according to their label, chemical trespass happens. Conventional pesticides do not recognize property borders, they do not stay put -- pesticides run-off when it rains, the vapors and dust can drift for miles from their application site, and the chemicals can volatilize in the air for days. This poses health risks to residents, bystanders and outdoor workers, creates involuntary exposure to especially vulnerable children and pets, it pollutes the air in our communities, contaminates water bodies that lead to our drinking water, and it poisons the habitat of our region's birds, bees and other wildlife, many of which are in crisis.

¹ Sass, J. and Wu, M. "Superficial Safeguards: Most Pesticides are Approved by Flawed EPA Process." NRDC, Mar 2013.

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The proposed bill would make Baltimore City healthier for its residents, especially for children, whose developing bodies are most at risk to the harms of pesticide exposure. In 2012, the **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)** released a report warning that prenatal and early childhood exposure to pesticides, which include landscaping pesticides, are associated with childhood cancers, decreased brain functions, and behavioral problems.²

Knowledge of chronic effects of pesticide exposure is still evolving. In 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified the most commonly used herbicide on lawns, 2,4-D, as “possibly carcinogenic to humans” (Group 2B), and the widely used herbicide, glyphosate, was classified as “probably carcinogenic to humans” (Group 2A). After decades of pesticide regulation, it was only starting in 2013 that the US EPA began to include the potential association between low-level exposure to pesticides over time and chronic diseases in their publication of *Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisonings*. In this, low-level, long term pesticide exposure has been linked to increases in neurological effects, damage of the nervous system, Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Parkinson’s disease, thyroid dysfunction, reproductive system disorders, endocrine disruption and both adult and childhood cancers: kidney, prostate and breast cancer, childhood leukemia, childhood brain tumors, non-Hodgkin lymphoma.³ Currently, the Monsanto Company (now Bayer) is facing tens of thousands of lawsuits across the United States filed by individuals who allege exposure to Roundup weed killer, with the active ingredient **glyphosate**, caused them to develop non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

Unfortunately, the US Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Federal statute that governs the registration, distribution, sale, and use of pesticides, is a risk-benefit statute and not a health-based statute. Thus, if there are many economic uses of the pesticide, low cost of the chemical or if it is in many products, it can outweigh the negative health and environmental effects in the EPA’s registration decision. **Chlorpyrifos** insecticide is an example of an economic poison that has been very difficult to remove from EPA registration; although serious enough to finally be banned in 2000 for most indoor uses because of its neurotoxicity to children, EPA continues to allow chlorpyrifos use on turf grass, plants and food due to the economic benefits of the insecticide placed above the serious neurological health and environmental impacts linked to the pesticide.

Finally, for many of our wildlife species, pesticide contamination of their habitat, especially by **neonicotinoids** insecticides, has been implicated as a contributing factor in their wide-spread decline.⁴ In North America, our populations of once-common species of bees, butterflies, birds, and other pollinators are disappearing at alarming rates. Harmful pesticides expose wildlife to a “toxic soup” of chemicals that have lethal and sublethal effects. Nearly 1 in 4 native bees are at increased risk of extinction.⁵ The native rusty patch bumblebee, once so common throughout Maryland, has now been listed as a federally endangered species. The Monarch butterfly population, also once a familiar sight in Maryland, has plummeted by 90% in the past 20 years. Even our once common birds are falling silent as their numbers have decreased

² Pesticide Exposure in Children. American Academy of Pediatrics. Dec 2012.

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by almost 30% in the past 50 years.

There are many safer ways to care for lawns, outdoor landscaping, and hardscapes that do not require harmful pesticides. For example, Montgomery County, MD, with the passage of their pesticide restriction law, is finding success in restricting the use of conventional pesticides on private lawns, playgrounds, county properties, and public parks, allowing for safer products and encouraging residents and commercial companies to adopt more sustainable landscaping and lawn care practices. Montgomery Parks' pesticide expenditures have decreased by 73 percent.⁶ All county park playgrounds are now maintained without the use of pesticides, pesticides use on general lawn areas of the park have ceased, and at least 45 parks have already transitioned as completely pesticide-free. Any pesticide use in county parks are now published publicly online in advance so families can make better-informed decisions before they visit specific parks. On the commercial front, landscape companies working within the county's boundaries are learning and adopting pesticide-free lawn care methods.

Baltimore City's families and wildlife deserve the health and environmental protection from harmful pesticide exposure that this bill would provide. Thus, Sierra Club strongly supports Baltimore City to act as a leader in this area concerning public health and sustainability -- we urge a favorable vote for the bill. Thank you for your consideration.

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⁶ Montgomery Parks Expands Pesticide-Free Program. Sept 2019, <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/montgomery-parks-expands-pesticide-free-program/>.

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Our very lives depend upon the pollination by bees & butterflies & more, ; of every plant, from vegetables to fruits .

Allowing makers, distributors, promoters, & the use of Glyphosates, Chlorpyrifos & Nio-nics ;

life taking pollutants ; to continue is tragic .

Please use your influence to prohibit these chemicals that ALSO ENTER OUR PRECIOUS WATERWAYS , killing aquatic life as well .

So fair the pollinators and fishes, so fair us humans .

Thank you as I know you will stand up for life .

Theresa Reuter



**Written testimony in support of a ban on
Chlorpyrifos, Glyphosate and Neonicotinoids**

May, 2020

My name is Michael Ichniowski, MD, and I am a pediatrician and Chairperson of the Environmental Health Committee of the MDAAP. This written testimony is presented with the support of this organization. The Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP) is an organization of physicians who provide health care to the children of Maryland and advocate on their behalf in matters concerning their health and well-being.

In considering toxic exposures in children, it is extremely important to be aware of their increased susceptibility to adverse effects by virtue of their size and ongoing physical and neurological development. Children are at increased risk because of their smaller size, which results in a higher dose of the toxic substance relative to their body weight. Any substance that interferes with developmental processes can result in lasting and potentially irreversible harm to children. Exposures in pregnant women can affect the growing fetus during the critical times of organ formation, brain development and early growth. Infants and toddlers play and explore at ground level, and their increased hand-to-mouth behavior results in a much greater potential for ingestion of toxic substances in their environment. It is essential to keep in mind all of these factors that put fetuses and children at increased risk from any exposure to toxic chemicals.

Chlorpyrifos

The pesticide, chlorpyrifos, is a nerve agent that works by interfering with acetylcholinesterase, an enzyme present throughout the human nervous system. Blocking this enzyme prevents the breakdown of acetylcholine; the resulting increase of this neurotransmitter at nerve endings results in excessive stimulation of the nerves to which they connect, and also the target muscles and organs of these nerves. Acute poisoning from chlorpyrifos by this mechanism includes symptoms of nausea, vomiting and diarrhea; hypersecretion from the eyes, nose and airways; bronchoconstriction and headache. Acute poisoning can progress to lethargy, seizures, coma, respiratory failure and death. **However, additional mechanisms of neurotoxicity also play a role, as adverse effects have been observed in association with far lower levels than those that produce significant inhibition of acetylcholinesterase.** These lower-dose toxic effects are of particular concern with in utero exposures. The fetal brain, which has to undergo tremendous growth and development prior to birth, can receive an enormous dose of a toxic chemical relative to its small size from such prenatal exposures. **EPA scientists concluded that there was no safe level of exposure to chlorpyrifos, and a complete ban on its use was proposed.**

Chlorpyrifos can be absorbed by oral ingestion, through inhalation or directly through the skin. Ingestion can occur from residues of this chemical on treated crops, which include many fruits, vegetables and nuts, and also through drinking water from watersheds in which

chlorpyrifos is used. Inhalation can occur from aerial spraying of this pesticide, which can drift and settle well beyond targeted areas. It can cause both acute poisoning from a single toxic exposure, as well as cumulative toxicity from chronic exposure to much smaller amounts. Because of health concerns associated with household use of chlorpyrifos, its sale for residential use was prohibited by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), effective December 31, 2001. An extensive review of the evidence of toxicity from agricultural use, particularly in children and in infants born to exposed mothers, led the EPA to recommend a total ban on the use of chlorpyrifos to become effective in April, 2016. A further analysis and report by the EPA in November, 2016, showed risks from dietary exposures and drinking water, which supported the EPA's original proposal.¹ Unfortunately, this proposal to revoke all tolerances for chlorpyrifos, based on the EPA's own analysis and review of available studies, was overturned by its Administrator in March, 2017.

A number of published studies have demonstrated associations between increased exposure to chlorpyrifos and adverse neurodevelopmental effects. The Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health (CCCEH) of Columbia University in New York City followed a group of inner-city children with prenatal exposure to chlorpyrifos and compared children with higher and lower levels of chlorpyrifos in cord blood at birth. **At age 3, the children with higher levels had a 2.4 times greater risk of mental delay; a 4.9 times greater risk of psychomotor delay; a 6.5 times risk of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD); an 11.26 times risk of attention disorders; and a 5.39 times risk of pervasive developmental disorder, a group of disorders that includes autism-spectrum disorders.**² Continued follow-up of this group at age 7 found decreases in Full-Scale IQ and the Working Memory Index subtest in association with increasing levels of cord blood chlorpyrifos levels,³ which demonstrates the lasting effect from prenatal exposures.

Another group of children in an agricultural community in the Salinas Valley in California was followed for a number of years and evaluated for possible neurotoxicity in association with prenatal and postnatal exposures to organophosphate pesticides. **Prenatal levels of urinary excretion products were associated with significant increased risk of attention problems and ADHD at age 5 and with lower scores for full-scale IQ and on scores for working memory, processing speed, verbal comprehension and perceptual reasoning in this cohort at age 7.**^{4,5} Another study conducted in California evaluated neurodevelopmental disorders and prenatal residence in proximity to agricultural pesticide application. **Pregnant women living within 1.5 kilometers of an agricultural application of chlorpyrifos during the second trimester were found to have a 3.3 times increased risk of their children having an autism spectrum disorder.**⁶ This shows that chlorpyrifos can have effects almost 1 mile from where it was applied.

Another study from California, published in the British Medical Journal in March, 2019, looked specifically at agricultural exposures to several pesticides, including chlorpyrifos, and evaluated pesticide use within 2 kilometers of each subject's residence. **The authors found a 27% increase**

in autism spectrum disorders with intellectual disability from fetal exposures to chlorpyrifos, and a 31% increase from exposures during the first year of life.⁷

EPA estimates of median or typical exposures to chlorpyrifos are likely 5 times greater than its proposed level of “safe” intake for pregnant women and infants, and up to 11 to 15 times greater for toddlers and older children.⁸ The nation’s Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) directs the EPA to revoke permitted pesticide residue levels, or tolerances, when those levels are determined no longer to be safe. The FQPA further requires an additional tenfold safety factor be applied for potential prenatal and childhood toxicity compared to adults in considering pesticide safety. Under the FQPA, “safe” means that “there is reasonable certainty that no harm will result from aggregate exposure to the pesticide chemical residue, including all anticipated dietary exposures and other exposures for which there is reliable information.”⁹

The prevalence of autism and ADHD continues to rise each year, and these disorders have lasting adverse impacts on children and their families, as well as affecting the quality of their lives. These families bear the costs of increased medical services, including more doctor and specialist visits, long-term medications and therapy services. These children also require increased educational services at a cost to taxpayers throughout the state.

Recent research has also found associations between organophosphates and asthma through exposures, both agricultural and environmental, at levels lower than those that cause acute toxicity. Children’s growing and developing lungs also have a similarly unique susceptibility to environmental chemicals. Studies from the Salinas Valley in California found that fetal and early life exposure to these pesticides were linked to increased respiratory symptoms at ages 5 and 7 years. Four other studies that combined and analyzed the evidence from multiple other investigations concluded there was a strong association between organophosphate exposure and increased risk of asthma and acute exacerbations.¹⁰

Glyphosate

Glyphosate is a herbicide, widely available and widely used for both agricultural and residential applications. One commonly used glyphosate product, *RoundUp*TM, adds a second ingredient, a surfactant, to improve adherence of the herbicide to the targeted plants; this combination may show a synergistic increase in the toxicity of each component. Symptoms of acute ingestion include oral and throat pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. More severe symptoms, often seen in intentional ingestions as suicide attempts, include rapid breathing, pulmonary edema, respiratory failure, hypotension, cardiac rhythm disturbances and kidney damage. The respiratory effects in acute ingestions may be related more to the surfactant, which is a volatile organic compound.^{11, 12}

With lower level more chronic agricultural use, glyphosate was associated with both allergic and non-allergic wheezing in male farmers. Animal studies have suggested a mechanism for airway inflammation due to glyphosate; exposure was found to increase eosinophil and neutrophil counts,

mast cell degranulation and the production of inflammatory cytokines.¹³ A study of environmental risk factors for childhood asthma found a greater than fourfold risk of asthma with herbicide exposure but did not separate out specific herbicides.¹⁴

Specific studies on glyphosate and childhood cancers are lacking at present, though an increased risk of childhood leukemia has been observed in association with herbicide exposure.¹⁵

Neonicotinoids

Instances of human poisoning have been reported, primarily following inhalation or ingestion. Symptoms have included confusion, agitation, headache, drowsiness, dizziness, weakness and tremor; loss of consciousness has also been reported. Imidacloprid in a formulation with an organic solvent (N-methyl pyrrolide or NMP) produced symptoms of sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain, with ulceration of the throat, esophagus and stomach also noted following ingestion. Respiratory symptoms have also been observed following exposure, including chest tightness, shortness of breath, hypoxia and labored breathing.¹⁶

Summary

Children are uniquely vulnerable to adverse effects of toxic chemicals, even at very low levels of exposure. It is important to protect them from accidental ingestion or inhalation of pesticides and herbicides capable of causing them harm. Each of the chemicals discussed above and included in this proposal before the Baltimore City Council can adversely affect the health and well-being of children. They deserve our best efforts to protect them from preventable harm.

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Chlorpyrifos is a toxic, nerve agent pesticide proven to cause brain damage in children and known to harm the environment and wildlife. It's so dangerous that, after years of study, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was set to ban all uses of chlorpyrifos last year. However, the Trump Administration reversed that decision. Banning chlorpyrifos in Maryland would take a significant step in protecting the health and safety of our babies, bees and the Bay.

"I support the Maryland General Assembly passing a ban of all uses of chlorpyrifos in the State of Maryland. I support Maryland taking this important step to protect its residents, especially our children."

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The Smart on Pesticides Maryland (MD) coalition, facilitated by the Maryland Pesticide Education Network, works to protect Marylanders and the natural systems we depend upon from the adverse impacts of pesticides. The coalition includes 105 organizations and institutions representing health care associations, communities, businesses, health care providers, farmers, environmentalists, waterkeepers, interfaith congregants as well as environmental justice, public health and wildlife advocates.

The Smart on Pesticides Coalition (SOPC) supports Council Bill # 20-0495 in order to regulate the use and application of pesticides in Baltimore City and prohibiting the use of certain pesticides in specified areas, including prohibiting the use and application of glyphosate and chlorpyrifos and prohibiting neonicotinoid pesticide use on City-owned land.

We applaud the bill sponsors for their vision and commitment regarding 1) City residents' right to know about pesticides being applied on a neighboring property or City property so that they can make educated decisions about their exposures, and 2) for restricting the use of notably harmful pesticides to protect the health of City residents, our waterways, and pollinators.

In this already challenging time of citizens trying to protect themselves from COVID-19, this bill is even more critical as these pesticides can actually exacerbate residents' symptoms related to COVID-19¹, especially respiratory symptoms. Please note the recent article by recently retired Director of the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences, Dr. Linda Birnbaum: Endocrine-disrupting chemicals weaken us in our COVID-19 battle.

¹<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5381985/> and neonics ;
<https://www.intechopen.com/books/poisoning-from-specific-toxic-agents-to-novel-rapid-and-simplified-techniques-for-analysis/acute-poisoning-with-neonicotinoid-insecticide> ; <https://www.mdlinx.com/pulmonology/article/545>

Bill # 20-0495 ensures that: 1) when a resident applies a pesticide on their own land, their neighbors are informed by markers that note the application and, 2) Residential and City applications of chlorpyrifos and glyphosate are banned and neonicotinoid pesticides are no longer allowed on City property. The Maryland Pollinator Protection Act, which went into effect in January 2018, already prohibits consumer use of garden products containing neonicotinoids. This bill also restricts this class of pesticides from being applied to City land. The bill does allow for the Commissioner to authorize the use or application of these pesticides, if a determination is made that a threat exists that requires the use of one of these pesticides when no other pesticide or class of pesticide would be effective in addressing the threat.

The dangers related to exposure to chlorpyrifos, glyphosate and neonicotinoids are backed by an ever-growing body of science – some evidence going back for two decades, as is the case for chlorpyrifos. The following is an overview of the long-term adverse impacts these chemicals can have, which underscores the need to ban/restrict them.

CHLORPYRIFOS

The Maryland General Assembly banned the use of chlorpyrifos in Maryland due to its serious and life-long impacts, especially on the health of our children. The law will be fully implemented as of January 2022, over 18 months from now. Bill opponents managed to insert a sunset of the law as of 2024, only allowing for 2 full years of implementation of the law. While legislators and advocates in support of the law intend to work on removing the sunset clause, clearly this is not guaranteed. **It therefore behooves the City of Baltimore and other municipalities to ensure our children and pregnant women are protected from this chemical, as soon as possible.**

*"This chemical [chlorpyrifos] is unambiguously dangerous and should be banned from use. We urge the E.P.A. to reverse its decision and protect child health."
– Fernando Stein, M.D., President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, NYT 11/1/2017*

Prior to the current federal administration, the US EPA was poised to implement a national ban on chlorpyrifos. EPA scientists had determined, after a 20-year risk assessment process, that harm to pregnant women and young children from chlorpyrifos—at any detectable level of exposure—was an unacceptable risk. However, the current EPA administration refused to enact the ban. This led Maryland, and other states, to sue in federal court. Eventually the full 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld its previous 3-judge panel ruling that EPA must issue a final ruling on whether to ban chlorpyrifos, stating in August 2018 that there was *"no justification for the EPA's decision... in the face of scientific evidence that its residue on food causes neurodevelopmental damage to children.* On July 18, 2019, the EPA responded, stating it will not ban chlorpyrifos. Several states, including Maryland, are suing the EPA on the agency's continued reversal. US EPA, under the current administration, will likely continue its efforts to stall the process and will likely appeal to the Supreme Court, potentially tying up the case for years to come.

Chlorpyrifos is a toxic, nerve agent pesticide also known to harm the environment and wildlife. It is found in air and water—and people's bodies. People come in contact with the chemical through residues on food, drinking water contamination, and toxic drift from pesticide application. Negative effects of exposure to pregnant women and children include lower birth weight, developmental disorders including learning disabilities, attention and memory deficits, motor delays, behavioral issues and it is linked to autism. In addition, poorer perceptual reasoning, working memory, and intellectual development have been documented.

Baltimore City's children are at continued risk. The City Council has this opportunity to act to protect its children, pregnant women and urban farmers. Any continued use of chlorpyrifos in the City will allow for life-long adverse health impacts for our children.

Autism Spectrum Disorders Statistics of Note: In 2019, the CDC reported that current median national autism rates are **1 out of every 40 children²**, up from **1 in 59 children in 2014**, and **1 in 88 children in 2008**. If that isn't already alarming enough, **Maryland has been found to have the second highest rate in the country³**

In a **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study, published in 2018**, scientists found that 6.1 million children aged 2-17 years living in the U.S. had been diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)⁴

WHY THE US EPA PLANNED TO BAN ALL USES OF CHLORPYRIFOS **Health risks of chlorpyrifos have been raised by US EPA for the past two decades**

2000: In response to US EPA research-based concerns *20 years ago*, regarding the adverse impacts of chlorpyrifos, in the year 2000 Dow and other manufacturers of chlorpyrifos reached an agreement with the EPA to voluntarily restrict the use of chlorpyrifos in places where children may be exposed, including inside homes, schools and day care centers. At that time, the agency also banned its use on some crops, such as tomatoes, and limited its use on other crops, including apples, grapes and citrus. The EPA also banned its use in certain areas near residential and public spaces.

2015: In November of 2015, after continued and extensive study, US EPA scientists confirmed that there is **no detectable level of chlorpyrifos for dietary exposure that can be considered safe and recommended that the pesticide be banned for all uses**. At that time the agency determined that all food uses of chlorpyrifos should be stopped due to the high risk of children's exposure *in utero* or during critical periods of growth and to the link between chlorpyrifos exposure and autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental issues.⁵

EPA'S 2015 SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS

In November 2015, the EPA's revised human health risk assessment for chlorpyrifos⁶ found that:

- All food exposures exceed safe levels, with children ages 1–2 exposed to levels of chlorpyrifos that are **140 times what EPA deems safe**.
- There is **no safe level** of chlorpyrifos in drinking water.
- Pesticide drift continues at unsafe levels 300 feet from the field's edge.
- Chlorpyrifos is found at unsafe levels in the air at schools, homes, and communities in agricultural areas.
- All workers who mix and apply chlorpyrifos are exposed to unsafe levels of the pesticide **even with maximum personal protective equipment** and engineering controls.
- Field workers are allowed to re-enter fields within 1–5 days after pesticide spraying, but unsafe exposures continue on average 18 days after applications.

THE VERACITY OF EPA'S RISK ASSESSMENT OF CHLORPYRIFOS

You may hear opponents question the scientific basis of EPA's risk assessment, claiming that 1) EPA's Science Advisory Panel (SAP) concluded that there was insufficient evidence for a ban and also claiming that 2) one of three significant epidemiological studies conducted at Columbia University could not be replicated by the other two studies. **This is not accurate.**

1) EPA submitted its analysis to EPA's Science Advisory Panels (SAP) on multiple occasions beginning in 2008, and each time, the SAP confirmed EPA's conclusion that early life exposures to chlorpyrifos pose a risk of long-

² <https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/142/6/e20174161>

³ <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db291.htm>

⁴ <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15374416.2017.1417860>

⁵ <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0653-0454>

⁶ <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/updated-human-health-risk-analyses-chlorpyrifos>

lasting, adverse cognitive, behavioral, and motor impairments. And both EPA and the SAP found that the exposures associated with serious damage to children's brains were far below the regulatory endpoint used by EPA in its 2001 and 2006 re-registration determinations, and in establishing the chlorpyrifos tolerances currently in effect.

As early as 2000, EPA noted that, "Results of multiple studies have consistently shown that the developing brain is susceptible to chlorpyrifos treatment." (EPA, Human Health Risk Assessment: Chlorpyrifos, June 8, 2000). The SAP convened in 2008, found that laboratory studies show that "gestational or early postnatal exposures can lead to neurochemical and behavioral alterations that persist into adulthood," including long-term neurobehavioral changes in motor and cognitive behaviors. (2008 SAP Report)

2) The SAP also found the Columbia study the most sound and appropriate for use in assessing developmental toxicity of chlorpyrifos, citing "chlorpyrifos is likely associated with adverse neurodevelopmental outcomes." Finally, SAP panel members noted that the exposures in the Columbia study were below EPA's regulatory endpoint and of concern in light of evidence demonstrating that low levels of exposure to toxicants like lead, mercury, and PCBs are now known to produce significant adverse effects when they were previously thought to be harmful only at high levels.⁷

There were small differences between the Columbia and Mount Sinai studies given they were conducted by different groups of scientists in different populations, using somewhat different protocols. The Columbia University study measured amount of chlorpyrifos in umbilical cord blood whereas a Mt. Sinai study used metabolites in urine that are specific to organophosphates. Chlorpyrifos is an organophosphate. Substantial amount of experimental data supports the Columbia University findings. The bottom-line findings were powerfully similar, as described in an editorial by senior scientists from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences⁸. The basic conclusion of both studies was essentially the same, that chlorpyrifos is associated with adverse neurodevelopmental outcomes.

In 2012, EPA convened its SAP to review EPA's more comprehensive analysis of the neurotoxicity of chlorpyrifos. In its report, the SAP noted significant, long-term adverse effects on neurobehavioral development from chlorpyrifos in laboratory animal studies. It found that the epidemiology "studies show some consistent associations relating exposure measures to abnormal reflexes in the newborn, pervasive development disorder at 24 or 36 months, mental development at 7-9 years, and attention and behavior problems at 3 and 5 years of age." The Panel concurred with EPA and the 2008 SAP that "chlorpyrifos likely plays a role in impacting the neurodevelopmental outcomes examined in the three cohort studies."

(<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0040-0029>)

In December 2014, EPA released its *Revised Human Health Risk Assessment for Chlorpyrifos ("2014 RHHRA")* and acknowledged the strong convergence in the findings from the animal studies and the three mother-child cohort studies. It found that the laboratory animal studies indicated "that gestational and/or postnatal exposure may cause persistent behavioral effects into adulthood... upon review of the published literature a pattern of neurodevelopmental adverse outcomes emerges." It called the cohort studies strong studies which support a conclusion that chlorpyrifos causes long-lasting damage to children's brains at exposures lower than EPA's regulatory endpoint. The 2014 risk assessment also documented unsafe chlorpyrifos exposures from drinking water contamination⁹.

2015: EPA proposed to revoke all chlorpyrifos tolerances based on these findings (Nov. 6, 2015). In the proposed revocation rule, EPA explicitly and repeatedly found chlorpyrifos unsafe.

EPA recognized that its 2014 risk assessment and 2015 proposed tolerance revocation did not address the greatest risks and most sensitive endpoint, as EPA policy requires and therefore, continued to explore ways to

⁷ <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0274-0064>

⁸ https://www.researchgate.net/publication/51538799_Strength_in_Numbers_Three_Separate_Studies_Link_in_Utero_Organophosphate_Pesticide_Exposure_and_Cognitive_Development

⁹ Chlorpyrifos: Revised Human Health Risk Assessment for Registration Review; Dec. 29, 2014 ; EPA- HQ-OPP-2008-0850-0195

establish an exposure limit that would protect children from neurodevelopmental harm. Each method it explored revealed more serious risks from chlorpyrifos than the 2014 risk assessment.

In November 2016, EPA released its second revised human health risk assessment using a regulatory endpoint designed to guard against damage to children's brains. That risk assessment found unsafe exposures from every way that people come into contact with chlorpyrifos—on food, in drinking water, through pesticide drift, and from applying the pesticide or working in fields that had recently been sprayed. EPA indicated it had found no chlorpyrifos uses that meet the FFDCA safety standard and all chlorpyrifos tolerances would need to be revoked.¹⁰

EPA DETERMINED CHLORPYRIFOS ALSO ADVERSELY IMPACTS WILDLIFE

2017: In January 2017 the EPA released its first rigorous nationwide analysis of the effects of pesticides on endangered species, finding that 97 percent of the more than 1,800 animals and plants protected under the Endangered Species Act are likely to be harmed by malathion and chlorpyrifos, including more than 100 listed bird species, fish, aquatic invertebrates, insects and crustaceans.

CHLORPYRIFOS AND POLLINATORS

Independent research underscores chlorpyrifos also harms pollinators. According to a 2014 study, Chlorpyrifos is second only to neonicotinoids¹¹ as a risk to bees (third highest total, after two different types of neonics). Another 2014 study found that chlorpyrifos at hive-residue levels more than doubled larval mortality compared to untreated larvae [Zhu et al., 2014]. A ground-breaking peer-reviewed field study showed that not only does chlorpyrifos cause colony threatening brain damage to honeybees, but it does so at the sub-lethal concentrations found in the majority of fields sprayed as directed by the manufacturer [Urlacher et al., 2016]. A 2014 study listed chlorpyrifos among the top five pesticides considered the highest risk to bees [Sanchez-Bayo and Goka, 2014]. Chlorpyrifos can damage the learning and memory of bees that are exposed.

CHLORPYRIFOS AND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

A Chesapeake Bay Program report found¹² chlorpyrifos in 90 percent of Bay water samples analyzed for this chemical, and 40 percent of those had concentrations that exceeded thresholds indicating possible ecological effects. The report found that chlorpyrifos ranks among the "top five individual toxics of concern." In 2018, the National Marine Fisheries Service reported¹³ that adult and juvenile Atlantic sturgeon, which are listed as endangered, are at a high risk from exposure to chlorpyrifos because concentrations of the chemical would reduce their abundance and spawning productivity. Chlorpyrifos toxicology studies suggest behavioral, reproductive and endocrine disruption to all aquatic arthropods, especially those in close proximity to chlorpyrifos runoff^{14 15 16 17 18}

ALTERNATIVES TO CHLORPYRIFOS

Extensive scientific data is available on alternatives to chlorpyrifos for treating pests such as blue grass weevil on golf courses or peach tree borer on orchards. Chlorpyrifos is not needed to address the invasive spotted lanternfly. Detailed information in a report separately submitted today regarding specific products that can

¹⁰ Revised Human Health Risk Assessment for Registration Review; Nov. 3, 2016; EPA- HQ-OPP-2015-0653-0454

¹¹ <https://bit.ly/2smjenY>

¹² <https://bit.ly/2RoiPk3>

¹³ <https://repository.library.noaa.gov/view/noaa/16997>

¹⁴ http://npic.orst.edu/RMPP/rmpp_main2a.pdf

¹⁵ https://www3.epa.gov/pesticides/chem_search/reg_actions/reregistration/red_PC-059101_1-Jul-06.pdf

¹⁶ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/7531775>

¹⁷ https://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/eisler/CHR_13_Chlorpyrifos.pdf

¹⁸ <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s002449900299>

replace chlorpyrifos for Maryland-grown crops, including turf on golf courses, comes from resources including:

- **IPM Institute of North America, Specialty Crop Grower Services** - www.ipminstitute.org, www.pesticiderisk.org
- **Rutgers University, The IR-4 Project** - fifty years of successful research into sustainable crop protection in specialty crops and off-label uses, <http://ir4.rutgers.edu/index.html>
- **Pesticide Research Institute** – provides research, analysis, technical services, expert consulting on chemistry and toxicology of pesticides - www.pesticideresearch.com
- **PRI Pesticide Product Evaluator** - an online tool providing information for over 18,000 pesticide products, <http://pesticideresearch.com/site/evaluator/>

NEONICOTINOIDS

Neonicotinoids (aka neonics) are a widely used class of pesticides confirmed by peer-reviewed science to be a major contributor to honeybee and wild bee declines, which threaten our food supply and also adversely impact wildlife, aquatic life and human health.

In 2016, the Maryland General Assembly banned consumer sale of home lawn and garden products containing neonics, effective January 1, 2018. Bill # 20-0495 is needed to address the continued use of neonic products on City property.

Neonics are pervasive—a single application to a shrub or tree has a half-life of 7 years or more, so when an exposed tree blossoms in subsequent years after the initial neonic exposure, it will express toxic nectar and pollen and continue to harm pollinators. Neonics and the chemically-similar fipronil currently account for approximately one third of the world insecticide market revenue (Simon-Delso et al. 2014). Reducing the use and impact of neonics is an urgent issue. Here's why:

POLLINATORS AND OUR FOOD SUPPLY

Our honeybees and wild pollinators are in trouble. Maryland beekeepers continue to lose 50% or more of their hives since 2014— tracking with the surge in neonic-containing consumer products that entered the marketplace. Urban and suburban neighborhoods, including Baltimore City, have always supplied critical pollinator habitat with their flowering trees, parks, and residential gardens. The introduction of neonics into hundreds of garden and lawncare products transformed pollinator Edens into poisoned killing fields.

Passage of Bill # 20-0495 is an important step for the City Council to support its work in helping to feed Baltimore City. Baltimore City has made important progress in addressing its challenges of food deserts and food insecurity with the development of an increasing number of urban garden and farming projects throughout the city. The success of these urban garden projects depend upon the health of honeybees and wild pollinators for vegetables and fruits to prosper. For example, a tomato blossom must be visited no less than 15 times by a bumble bee to be sufficiently pollinated to grow a well-formed tomato.

Pollinator protection is an urgent problem requiring timely action because one of every three bites of food we eat depends on pollinators, including most fruits and vegetables which are the most nutritious part of our diet. Bees pollinate 71 of the 100 crops that make up 90 percent of the world's food supply. **No bees – no honey and no produce** to feed our families. The impact of continued pollinator losses is unimaginable.

Backyard beekeepers are critical to supplying needed pollination to city urban gardens. But there is a high rate of beekeepers leaving beekeeping due to the costs of beehive losses year after year. This degree of loss is unsustainable; the beekeeping industry cites an annual loss rate of no more than 15 percent as economically viable. Maryland's annual losses are threatening the beekeeping industry—a beehive loss costs beekeepers \$1,000-1,500 in lost income from honey, pollination, bee sales plus replacement costs; this figure does not include

the beekeepers labor. Maryland honeybee pollination directly supports farming in the state and is valued at more than \$26 million, annually.

THE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE OF HARM TO POLLINATORS IS CONCLUSIVE

A review of more than 1,121 peer-reviewed studies released in 2014 by the *Task Force on Systemic Pesticides*—a group of 30 global, independent scientists—confirmed that neonics are a key factor in bee declines and are harming beneficial organisms essential to functional ecosystems and food production, including soil microbes, butterflies, earthworms, reptiles, and birds. The Task Force called for immediate regulatory action to restrict neonics. In addition to killing bees outright, a preponderance of research confirms that even low levels of these toxic pesticides impair bees' ability to learn, find their way back to the hive, collect food, produce new queens, and mount an effective immune response to diseases such as the varroa mite.

In January 2016, the US EPA released a study recognizing the significant risks from the legal use of one type of neonic pesticide (imidacloprid), which they concluded “potentially poses risk to hives when the pesticide comes in contact with certain crops that attract pollinators.” The EPA is currently assessing three other neonicotinoids: clothianidin, thiamethoxam, and dinotefuran. This initial federal government risk assessment further underscores the growing body of research substantiating the role neonics play in pollinator decline.

Previously benign viruses and parasites causing minor damage become killers to bees affected by neonics. Neonics, at field-relevant doses, are found to suppress the immune systems that lead to death of honeybees. (De Prisco et al. 2013). This was also noted earlier in 2010, from the work of Alaux and Pettis (USDA Beltsville Bee lab). In April 2015, the European Academies Science Advisory Council referring to the results of Di Prisco et al. concluded “that neonicotinoids cannot be considered as the only ‘cause’ of colony losses, but they can aggravate the impact of viral pathogens, stably associated with honeybee colonies all over the world.” Dr. Klaus-Werner Wenzel, a member of the Task Force on Systemic Pesticides has stated that there is “no scientific evidence that Varroa mite can kill a healthy bee colony.” France had varroa in every hive in the country from 1968 until 1994 without any instances of mass colony deaths. But the year in which neonics were introduced, varroa turned from a “problem parasite” to a colony killer.
([http://www.moraybeedinosaurs.co.uk/neonicotinoid/Neonicotinoid Insecticides Causing Bee Losses.pdf](http://www.moraybeedinosaurs.co.uk/neonicotinoid/Neonicotinoid%20Insecticides%20Causing%20Bee%20Losses.pdf))

More than 400 species of wild bees also pollinate Maryland’s agricultural bounty. Wild bees’ contribution has been valued at \$8,000 an acre. A Swedish study published in 2015 found that neonics cause wild bee declines, reducing populations in field realistic doses by 50%. Honeybees are merely the canary in the coal mine

PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS

Neonics are neurotoxic and may adversely affect the development of neurons and brain structures associated with functions such as learning and memory according to recent research by the European Food Safety Authority. Although neonicotinoids have been considered low toxicity to mammals and humans in comparison with traditional insecticides, more and more studies show exposure to neonicotinoids do indeed pose potential risk to mammals and even humans.

Some neonics may affect the developing human nervous system, as well as potentially increase the risk of cancer, reproductive harm and endocrine disruption. The National Resources Defense Council had a well-respected GreenScreen review conducted to evaluate the human health hazards of neonics. The review identified potential hazards for the following human health endpoints: cancer, reproductive harm, developmental harm and potential endocrine disruption. As a result, NRDC and other organizations asked the NIEHS Office of Health Assessment and Translation to conduct hazard assessments of these pesticides.

In recent years, neonicotinoids and their metabolites have been successfully detected in various human biological samples and in fruits and vegetables by the US Department of Agriculture (<https://www.ams.usda.gov/datasets/pdp>). Meanwhile, many studies have focused on the health effects of

neonicotinoids on humans.²² Given the wide-scale use of neonicotinoids, more studies are needed to fully understand their effects on human health.²³ Investigations, conducted mostly on laboratory rats, have shown adverse effects of imidacloprid on the reproductive ability in both parental and offspring generations as well as on the development of the offspring. Like many pesticides, imidacloprid may also act as an endocrine disrupting chemical (EDC). It may disrupt the metabolic homeostasis, contribute to obesity, and disrupt steroidogenesis by inhibiting cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzyme activities. All these endocrine associated adverse effects of imidacloprid may pose a serious risk for reproduction and development with long term consequences in adulthood.²⁴

CHESAPEAKE BAY/AQUATIC LIFE

Neonics are linked to death of molting blue crabs, Maryland's signature seafood. Neonics are also linked to declines in macro-invertebrates which are the food chain of many Bay species (including slugs, snails, mayflies and crustaceans). A 2015 USGS study found 59 percent of all streams sampled nationwide had detectable levels of neonic contamination – including sampling from the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

WILDLIFE RISKS

Like the other neonicotinoids, imidacloprid is highly water soluble and persistent in both terrestrial and aquatic environments, and poses potential risks to birds and mammals, especially from seed treatment. Imidacloprid is already classified as highly toxic to birds on an acute oral basis, and chronic toxicity results in effects on egg production, egg hatchability, and body weight. EPA's overall risk conclusion states, "For the registered agricultural and non-agricultural foliar spray applications, there is a potential for acute risk above the level of concern (LOC) to non-listed birds for all uses modeled when evaluated on an acute, oral basis." For mammals, "a potential for chronic risks is identified when evaluated on an oral basis."¹⁹ Alarming, as little as 1 to 6 percent of a bird's diet of treated seed is enough to trigger acute and chronic risks. Reproduction impairment has also been demonstrated from neonicotinoid exposure in wild mammals, including rabbits and white-tailed deer.^{20,21}

WORLDWIDE CONCERN AND ACTION ON NEONICS:

In April 2018, member states in the European Union agreed upon a total ban on neonicotinoid use, except in enclosed greenhouses. More than 20 states, municipalities, federal agencies and universities have taken steps to restrict neonicotinoids.

ALTERNATIVES ARE AVAILABLE

The good news is that there are safer neonic-free products available to consumers. (Please see attached chart identifying 30 pests with examples of neonic-free less-toxic products for each pest.)

¹⁹ USEPA. 2017. Imidacloprid -Transmittal of the Preliminary Terrestrial Risk Assessment to Support the Registration Review.

²⁰ Memon, S.A., Memon, N., Mal, B., Shaikh, S.A. and Shah, M.A., 2014. Histopathological changes in the gonads of Male rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) on exposure to imidacloprid insecticide. *J Entomol Zool Stud*, 2, pp.159-63.

²¹ Berheim, E.H., Jenks, J.A., Lundgren, J.G., Michel, E.S., Grove, D. and Jensen, W.F., 2019. Effects of neonicotinoid insecticides on physiology and reproductive characteristics of captive female and fawn white-tailed deer. *Scientific reports*, 9(1), pp.1-10.

²² Han, W., Tian, Y. and Shen, X., 2018. Human exposure to neonicotinoid insecticides and the evaluation of their potential toxicity: An overview. *Chemosphere*, 192, pp.59-65

²³ Cimino, A.M., Boyles, A.L., Thayer, K.A. and Perry, M.J., 2017. Effects of neonicotinoid pesticide exposure on human health: a systematic review. *Environmental health perspectives*, 125(2), pp.155-162.

²⁴ Mikolić, A. and Karačonji, I.B., 2018. Imidacloprid as reproductive toxicant and endocrine disruptor: investigations in laboratory animals. *Archives of Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology*, 69(2), pp.103-108.

GLYPHOSATE

Glyphosate, most commonly known and applied as “RoundUp,” is the most widely used pesticide in the world. It is applied to lawns and gardens, parks and playgrounds, farm fields and food crops – and then runs with rainfall into the waterways and thus our drinking water.

THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

Roundup, and generic versions of it, is the most widely used herbicide in the US. Nearly 1.8 million tons of glyphosate have been used in the U.S. since its introduction in 1974. For comparison, that’s equivalent to the weight of water in more than 2,300 Olympic-size swimming pools. And in 2014 alone, there was enough used to spray nearly half a pound of glyphosate on every cultivated acre of land in the world.

Lately, Roundup hasn’t been getting the job done. Weeds have grown resistant, and these “super weeds” require more and more Roundup to kill. Not surprisingly, the response has been to increase the dosage of Roundup used, increasing the frequency of Roundup use, or combining Roundup with other herbicides.

And it’s not just used on farms. In the US, 26 million pounds of Roundup are sprayed on public parks, playgrounds, schools, and gardens every year. From 2005 to 2012, the non-agricultural use of Roundup grew by 14 percent.

To make matters worse, there is more research that shows that the other “inert” ingredients in Roundup, and herbicides like it might actually increase the health risks posed by the main ingredient, or pose health risks of their own.

PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS

Just how serious is the risk? Scientists are still researching the scope of the problem, but there is cause for serious concern. According to the cancer agency at the World Health Organization, glyphosate – the main chemical ingredient in Roundup – is a probable human carcinogen. This study links glyphosate to a wide range of cancers including pancreatic cancer, skin cancers, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma and endocrine disruption, as well as non-cancer illness such as liver and kidney damage, genetic damage, decreased sperm count and developmental abnormalities. In April 2019, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (a US federal public health agency) released its draft Toxicological Profile for Glyphosate, which supports the earlier cancer assessment of the IARC. By 2017, glyphosate was listed as a cancer-causing chemical under California’s Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act. This requires cancer warning labels be placed on end-use glyphosate products in California.

So far the EPA and many other decision makers have largely been taking Monsanto at their word when they claim their product is safe. But Monsanto has not been transparent about the potential health effects of Roundup. In 2017, Monsanto was caught ghost-writing studies for “independent scientists” to show that glyphosate, the main ingredient is safe, and in late 2017 newly unsealed court documents showed Monsanto has had an influence on U.S. regulators in the EPA for years, while suppressing scientific information about the potential dangers of its widely used pesticide, Roundup.

In 2019, a jury awarded a California couple \$2 billion in punitive damages after concluding that sustained exposure to Monsanto Co.’s Roundup weed killer was a significant cause of their cancer. The evidence against Monsanto included private text exchanges between company officials and EPA regulators and evidence that the company ghost-wrote studies for independent scientists. Monsanto, now Bayer, faces over 40,000 lawsuits from plaintiffs over glyphosate’s toxicity.

GLYPHOSATE AND OUR FOOD

Glyphosate is everywhere - even in places where it doesn't belong. A 2018 study found glyphosate in Cheerios, Quaker Oats, beer and ice cream. Studies are finding that more and more of this chemical is showing up in our bodies. **One scientific study found that the percentage of people who tested positive for glyphosate increased by 500 percent between 1993 and 2016. A 2015 study detected glyphosate in 93% of Americans tested.**

Not only has glyphosate been deemed a probable carcinogen, but a recent study identified that glyphosate use is associated with respiratory wheeze in farmers. But glyphosate isn't only used on farms; it's used in our yards, on our playgrounds and in our parks. **Researchers are finding more evidence every day that exposure to glyphosate and similar chemicals contributes to respiratory symptoms and asthma.** We are living in a time where respiratory health is a critical issue and we should be taking steps to protect our community from additional respiratory stress.

ACTION ON GLYPHOSATE

Hundreds of US cities and countries around the world have already taken action. Right here in Maryland, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Takoma Park and Montgomery County have all taken steps to restrict the use of glyphosate. We're also seeing action across the country, from Boulder, Colorado, to Dubuque, Iowa, to South Portland, Maine. And with high profile court cases in California, more and more people are becoming aware of the dangers of Roundup and glyphosate. France, Austria, Vietnam and many more countries have banned glyphosate because of the toxic health impacts.

Let's make Baltimore City the next city that takes action on these toxic chemicals.

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105 members – Baltimore City organizations noted in bold

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Alliance of Nurses for a Healthy Environment
American Academy of Pediatrics–Md. Chapter
American Public Health Association–Md. Chapter
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Annapolis Green
Anne Arundel Beekeepers Association
Assateague Coastal Trust
Audubon Maryland - DC
Audubon Naturalist Society
Baltimore Backyard Beekeepers Network
Baltimore Bird Club
Beyond Pesticides
Big City Farms
Bowie-Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association
CATA, Farmworker Support Committee
Carroll County Beekeepers Association
Cecil Bird Club
Center for Food Safety
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Charm City Meadworks
Chesapeake BaySavers
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Children's Environmental Health Network
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Common Market Co-Op
Conservation Community Consultants
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Earth Coalition
Earthjustice
Eastern Shore Food Hub
Environment Maryland
Fair Farms
F&D and Charles Smith Apiaries
Farmworker Justice
Food and Water Watch
Fox Haven Farm and Learning Center
Frederick Co. Beekeepers Association
Friends of Briers Mill Run
Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek
Friends of Quincy Run
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HoneyFlower Foods
Howard County Beekeepers Association
Howard County Bird Club
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Maryland Bass Nation
Maryland Conservation Council
Maryland Ethical Cannabis Association
Maryland League of Conservation Voters
Maryland Nurses Association
Maryland Organic Food and Farming Association
Maryland Ornithological Society
Maryland Pesticide Education Network
Maryland Public Interest Research Group
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McDaniel Honey Farm
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Sierra Club–Maryland Chapter
Spa Creek Conservancy
The Flower Factory
Towson Estates Association
Trout Unlimited
Washington County Beekeepers Association
Waterkeepers Chesapeake
Westport Farmers Market
Westport Neighborhood Association
Wicomico Environmental Trust

EVALUATING HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

A Guide for Legislators

Scientific evidence is the underpinning for policy decisions regarding health. This checklist offers guidance for legislators listening to and assessing scientific testimony and scientific arguments on these often difficult questions, as well as help in questioning witnesses during a hearing.

1. What is the purpose, and what is the source of the research being presented?

The goal of a study may influence the outcomes. For instance, studies that a manufacturer must undertake to submit a chemical or drug for federal registration are different from studies performed by independent scientists seeking to understand impacts of chemicals on humans, animals, or the ecosystem.

What you need to know: Are government findings based on industry-provided research? Are they based on a review of all available sources?

Example: In the debate of e-cigarette / vapor product regulation, research reports by the FDA's Division of Pharmaceutical Research was very credible because it reflected totally independent testing.

2. Have the studies been peer-reviewed?

Independent scientific research is subject to review by a panel of "peers"; these are other scientists with no stake in the findings and no conflicts of interest. Peer review ensures accuracy in methodology and statistical significance, as well as proper interpretation of the results. When a study passes peer review, it is usually published in a scientific journal, such as *Environmental Health Perspectives* or the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. This is a transparent process, ensuring that rigorous standards are upheld.

What you need to know: Are the studies being cited peer reviewed? If not, consider the source. Blogs and newspaper articles are not peer-reviewed materials, but may link back to a peer-reviewed source.

Peer Reviewed

A panel of independent experts in the same scientific field, who have no connection to the study and no conflicts of interest, have reviewed it and judged it to be valid and worthy of publication.

3. How certain is "certain enough" to act?

Scientists examine facts and complex information and then look for a preponderance of evidence. While scientists routinely disclose elements of uncertainty in their research, they form their conclusions based on the weight of the evidence.

What you need to know: Is there sufficient evidence regarding possible harms that warrants taking action? Is there sufficient evidence of safety to justify inaction?

Example: Based on the preponderance of evidence of likely harm, we passed seat belt laws and prevented children from drinking alcohol.

4. Are the scientists being too cautious?

Scientists are conservative regarding "certainty." They use a "95% confidence test" in order to conclude that two observations that happen together are more than accidental and probably causal. When it comes to taking action,

however, public and environmental health experts recommend action based on sufficient scientific evidence to warrant concern and not on a specific percentage.

What you need to know: What are the risks and what could be the harm if we wait for more research to be conducted before taking action?

Example: Laws limiting human exposure to DDT, lead, tobacco and alcohol were all passed long before a 95% confidence test was met. These laws were based on a preponderance of evidence rather than 95% certainty.

5. Are the findings influenced by funding source, trade secrets, or suppression of data?

The design of a scientific study may be influenced by the source of its funding. This has been well documented by independent observers. It is therefore reasonable and prudent for legislators to ask all scientists and those who cite scientific research about their sources of funding.

What you need to know: What are the sources of funding for the work being cited? Were any data omitted due to trade secret protections or similar reasons?

Example: 1) The source of funding for a study can influence important findings or cause contrary results to be omitted from the study's report. 2) Important data that an industry provides to a federal agency before marketing will not be in the public domain and may not have been subjected to peer review.

6. Has anyone addressed the economic harm associated with inaction?

Policy-makers must weigh not only the cost of taking action but also the cost of inaction. Science offers insight into the costs of inaction.

What You Need to Know: What public and private costs may be incurred if we do not take action on this proposed policy?

Example: A 2015 peer reviewed study estimated the costs to the EU of human exposure to endocrine disruptors at \$209 billion annually in medical care and lost productivity. (*Trasande et al J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2015 Apr; 100(4): 1245-1255*)

Note: The fiscal note on a bill will not typically assess the costs of inaction. It addresses only the costs of adopting the policy, and usually only the costs to government.

7. Have long term effects been assessed?

Early life exposures can create high risks in later life. An example is the link between lead poisoning and long-term harms to children, or between tobacco and cancer. Over time, human exposures to multiple chemicals will have interactive effects that may be quite different from the effects of a single chemical.

What you need to know: Does the science presented also address the long-term effects of exposure? If not, is that because the research does not exist?

Note: Federal agency review does not establish absolute safety. The US EPA registers chemicals based on "reasonable certainty of no harm" and has yet to address the synergistic effects of chemicals in real life, such as interactions with other chemicals in the environment, medications, and illness.

Weight of the Evidence

This term refers to a judgment in the scientific community that most studies to date confirm a particular conclusion. Scientists are always open to new findings, so they may avoid using terms like "certainty", "100%" or "we are sure."

SAFER AND EFFECTIVE AGRICULTURE ALTERNATIVES TO CHLORPYRIFOS IN MARYLAND

RESOURCES FOR FARMERS

SAFER ALTERNATIVES TO CHLORPYRIFOS

- Maryland Department of Agriculture Pesticide Database Searches
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Institute of North America
- Rutgers University IR-4 Project
- Pesticide Research Institute
- Alternatives to Chlorpyrifos for Maryland Agriculture report
- University of Maryland Extension Service

Chlorpyrifos (chlor-pyr-i-fos) is a toxic, nerve agent pesticide that has been found to damage children's brain development, contaminate waterways and injure wildlife. Safer, effective alternatives to chlorpyrifos exist for agriculture use to control every Maryland crop pest, such as conventional pesticides, biopesticides, organic pesticides and cultural controls.

Maryland farmers—including organic and conventional farmers—are able to produce thriving crops without relying on brain-harming chlorpyrifos. Listed below are numerous alternative treatments and practices available to Maryland farmers and golf course owners.

Effective Alternative Treatments Against Key Maryland Pests

** While High Hazard rated pesticides increase the number of alternative options, this fact sheet highlights insecticides rated as Low Hazard or Moderate Hazard (by Pesticide Research Institute and Rutgers IR-4 Project)*

Orchard Fruits

Pests	Alternative Treatments
Peach tree borer	<p>Over 100 products including 16 Moderate/Low Hazard insecticides plus cultural practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA found a single application of nematodes suppressed 88% of orchard borer infestation; spring and fall application suppressed 100% infestation <p>USDA Agriculture Research Service study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural practices include painting the first 12 inches of trunk area with Surround WP Kaolin clay or Latex paint. Other options are to set pheromone traps or to spread cedar chips or bark around the bases of the trees.
Codling moth	Over 300 products

FACTS

- "The apple industry is moving away from organophosphates like chlorpyrifos due to safety concerns. For many pests, reduced-risk pesticides and non-pesticide alternatives have replaced chlorpyrifos."
- Vincent P. Jones et al., *Outlooks on Pest Management*
- "A study of apple orchards found no difference in fruit damage between blocks treated with reduced-risk pesticides (clean fruit: 90-96%) and blocks treated with growers standard pesticides, which were mostly organophosphates like chlorpyrifos (clean fruit: 93%-96%)."
- Arthur M. Agnello et al., *American Entomologist*

Vegetables & Grains

Pests	Alternative Treatments
Corn rootworm	Over 75 products, including 19 Moderate/Low Hazard insecticides
Seedcorn maggot	Over 100 products, including 13 Moderate/Low Hazard insecticides, plus Regard SC Seed Treatment as well as biological and cultural controls

FACTS

- There are 50 organic corn growers in Maryland who do not use chlorpyrifos
- “Chlorpyrifos-treated seeds can leach chlorpyrifos into the soil, ending up in our waterways as 95% of seed coatings wash off and can become runoff.”
- Dave Goulson, School of Life Sciences, University of Sussex

Golf Courses

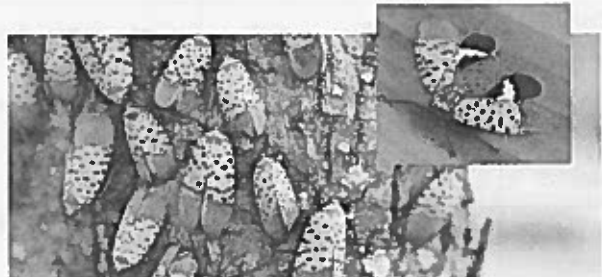
Pests	Alternative Treatments	Cultural Controls/Practices
Annual bluegrass weevil (ABW)	Over 75 products including 17 Moderate/Low Hazard insecticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland Cooperative Extension recommends various biological and cultural controls for upkeeping golf courses. • Cultural practices include the use of ABW-tolerant Bermuda grass and creeping bent grass, which is naturally resistant to ABW. - NJ Turfgrass Assoc on Rutgers Annual Bluegrass Weevil Research

FACTS

Many Maryland golf courses report they do not use chlorpyrifos

“Because highly resistant weevil populations are also more tolerant of—if not resistant to—most of the currently available larvicides, superintendents will also have to start relying more on biorational insecticides and cultural means to manage weevil populations.”
- Golf Course Superintendents Association of America’s GCM Magazine

PEST: Spotted Lanternfly

Target Crops	Alternative Treatments	Cultural Controls/Practices
Tree fruit and Wine grapes	<p>15 products that do not contain chlorpyrifos identified as “excellent” or “good” by the Spotted Lanternfly Task Force at Penn State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 products are 98-100% effective for nymphs and adults • Insecticides used for other pests will also kill SLF nymphs 	<p>Cultural controls include scraping egg masses, baiting trees and using sticky tape</p> 

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For Safe Water & Healthy Kids

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Neonicotinoid-Free Consumer Pesticide Products

Maryland citizens, scientists, beekeepers and healthcare advocates, are alarmed about the widespread use of neonicotinoid pesticides (aka neonics), in hundreds of home and garden consumer products. Neonics have been confirmed to contribute to honey bee mortality, declines in native pollinators, birds and aquatic life; are linked to the death of molting blue crabs; and pose a risk to human health. Neonics also kill beneficial insects, making landscapes chemically dependent for insect control.

THERE ARE OVER 290 NEONIC-FREE PRODUCTS FOR COMMON PESTS THAT ARE SAFER FOR HONEYBEES.

Here is a sample list of neonicotinoid-free products for 30 of the most common home & garden pests

Resources: PRI Product Evaluator, Beyond Pesticides, Xerces Society; PRI [Product Evaluator available for mobile through iTunes store](#)

Insect Pest	# of Neonic-Free Tier 3 Products	Neonic-Free Products of Least Concern to Honey Bees					
		* Neonic-free products which may be linked to health and/or other wildlife and aquatic impacts are marked with asterisk ** Insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils & limonene are low risk to bees if applied at night, when bees are inactive					
Ants	53	Drax Liquidator Ant Bait	Gourmet Ant Bait Gel	Safer Brand Ant & Crawling Insect Killer	Cinnacure A3005	EcoPCO ACU	Mint oil, cedar oil, orange oil garlic spray
Adelgids	10	** Civitas	Golden Pest Spray Oil	Leaf Life Gavicide Green 415	** Orange Guard for Ornamental Plants	Purespray Green, Horticultural oils, Insecticidal soaps	
Aphids	33	Essentria IC3	Aphid-Pruf	BFR 440 Supreme Spray Oil	Cinnacure A3005	Clean Crop Supreme Oil	Insecticidal soaps, Neem oil
Beetles	5	Essentria IC3	Golden Pest Spray Oil	NEU 1160 Vegetable Oil Insecticide	Purespray Green or Purespray Spray Oil 10 E	Boric acid	
Centipedes, Millipedes & Sowbugs	12	T*A*P* (Indoor use)	Mosquito & Tick Control Yard Pro-tecton Concentrate	EcoPCO ACU	Boric acid	** Whitmire Micro-Gen TC 232	
Crickets & Katydid	22	Redzone Bait	Safer Brand Garden Fungicide, Insecticide & Miticide Ready-to-Use	Mosquito & Tick Control Yard Protection Concentrate	Essentria IC3	** Whitmire Micro-Gen TC 232	
Cutworms, Armyworms	26	Agree 50 WP or Agree WG	Bonide Dipem 150 Dust for Vegetables	Cinnacure A3005	Golden Pest Spray Oil	Dipel Regular or 2X Biological Insecticide Wettable Powder	
Earwigs & Springtails	17	Redzone Bait	Safe Brand Garden Fungicide, Insecticide & Miticide Read-to-Use Spray	EcoPCO ACU	Essentria IC3	Surround WP Crop Protectant	
Fleas	20	Eaton's Answer Boric Acid Insecticidal Dust (Indoor use)	Dri-out Insecticide	Diatomaceous earth (Indoor use), Silica aerogel, Boric acid	EcoSmart Insect Killer for Lawns & Landscapes	** Whitmire Micro-Gen TC 232	EcoPCO ACU
Flies	25	Vector 960	BMP 144	Cinnacure A3005	EcoSmart Insect Killer Spray for Lawns & Landscapes	** Whitmire Micro-Gen TC 232	* RF 9707 Aerialsol
Grubs & Maggots	9	Cinnacure A3005	Prokil Cryolite 50 Dust	Bacillus Thuringiensis, Milky spore, Nematodes	Surround WP Crop Protectant	Zone Defense	
Hornets, Wasps, Yellow Jackets	11	Essentria IC3	** Whitmire Micro-Gen TC 232	Rescue W-H-Y Trap for Wasps, Hornets & Yellowjackets	Soap and water, Enzyme solution (such as Super C Professional)	EcoPCO ACU	Silica aerogel, Acetic acid, Boric acid, Peppermint oil
Japanese Beetles	5	Bag-A-Bug Japanese Beetle Trap	Surefire Japanese Beetle Trap	EcoPCO ACU	Milky spore		
Lace Bugs	13	Golden Pest Spray Oil	Leaf Life Gavicide Green 415	Safer Brand Garden Fungicide, Insecticide, & Miticide Ready-to-Use Spray	Surround WP Crop Protectant	Purespray Green and Purespray Spray Oil 10E	
Leafhopper	14	Cinnacure A3005	Golden Pest Spray Oil	Safer Brand Garden Fungicide, Insecticide & Miticide Read-to-Use Spray	Ringer Aphid Mite Attack/Fruit & Vegetable	Purespray Green and Purespray Spray Oil 10E	
Locusts & Grass-hoppers	6	Essentria IC3	Prokil Cryolite 96 or 50 Dust	Surround WP Crop Protectant	EcoPCO ACU		

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Loopers	22	Agree 50 WP or Agree WG	Cinnacure A3005	* BT 320 Sulfur 25 Dust	Dipel Regular or 2X Biological Insecticide Wettable Powder	Dipel Bio Garden Spray or Dipel WP Home & Garden Insecticide	Bonide Bacillus Thuringiensis (BT) Moth Larvae Control
Midges	7	BPM 144 (2X)	BMP 144	KBR 3023 All-family Insect Repellent Non-aerosol Spray	* Agnique MMF GR Mosquito Liquid	Vectobac 12AS Biological Larvicide	
Mites	71	BFR 440 Supreme Spray oil	Safer Brand Garden Fungicide, Insecticide & Miticide Ready-to-Use	BFR 440 Supreme Spray Oil	Cinnacure A3005	** Orange Guard for Ornamental Plants	
Mosquitoes	35	Bonide Mosquito Beater WSP	BMP 144	Cutter Natural Insect Repellent	Vectobac - AS or 12As Biological Larvicide	Bacillus Thuringiensis, Citronella oil, Linalool, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus,	EcoPCO ACL
Psylla & Psyllids	22	BFR 440 Supreme Spray Oil	Britz 415 or Supreme Spray Oil	Gavicide Super 90	Golden Pest Spray Oil	Purespray Green or Purespray Spray Oil	
Roaches	41	Gourmet Ant Bait Gel	Safer Roach & Ant Killing Powder	EcoSmart Ant & Roach Killer	Dri-out Insecticide	EcoPCO ACU	Redzone Bai
Scale Insects	29	BFR 440 Supreme Spray Oil	Britz 415 Supreme Oil or Spray Oil	Cinnacure A3005	Safer Brand Garden Fungicide, Insecticide & Miticide Ready-to-Use Spray	** Orange Guard for Ornamental Plants	
Spiders	12	EcoSmart Spider Blaster	Dri-out Insecticide	** Whitmire Micro-Gen TC 232	EcoSmart Insect Killer Spray for Lawns & Landscapes	EcoPCO ACU	Sticky traps
Termites	290	BorActin Insecticide Powder	Aphid-Pruf	Bonide Bacillus Thuringiensis (BT) Moth Larvae (Caterpillar) Control	Zone Defense	Agent Gold	Silica aerogel, Boric acid, Metarhizium anisoplae, Nematodes
Thrips	33	Golden Pest Spray Oil	Dusting Sulfur Fungicide-Insecticide	Cosavet DF	BFR 440 Supreme Spray Oil	Cinnacure A3005	
Webworms	23	Bonide Bacillus Thuringiensis (BT) Moth Larvae (Caterpillar) Control	Bonide Dipem 150 Dust for Vegetables	Dipel Regular or 2X Biological Insecticide Wettable Powder or Dipel Bio Garden Spray I	Golden Pest Spray Oil	Purespray Green or Purespray Spray Oil 10E	
Weevils	17	Prokil Cryolite 50 Dust	Agree 50 WP	Cinnacure A3005	EcoPCO ACU	Essentria IC3	
Whiteflies	25	Golden Pest Spray Oil	Aphid-Pruf	Cinnacure A3005	Gavicide Super 90	Insecticidal soap, sticky tape and cards	
Wood-boring Beetles	19	Prokil Cryolite 96	Cinnacure A3005	* Board Defense	Beetleblock-Verbenone	* Sunspray 6E	

Understanding Pesticide Hazard Tier Rating* The LEED-compliant pesticide product Hazard Tier Rating system, Pesticide Product Hazard Tier rankings, allow consumers and property managers to make informed decisions about choosing less toxic neonicotinoid-free pesticide products. (PRI Hazard Tier Evaluator, www.pesticidresearch.com)

1

Hazard Tier 1 - HIGHEST CONCERN - Over 230 products contain neonicotinoids are rated Tier 1

The formulated product is listed by US EPA as a Restricted Use Product (RUP), and/or is highly toxic to people, fish or other aquatic life, birds, wildlife, or honey bees.

2

Hazard Tier 2 - MODERATE CONCERN - Over 30 products contain neonicotinoids are rated Tier 2

The formulated product is moderately toxic to people, fish or other aquatic life, birds, wildlife, or honey bees.

3

Hazard Tier 3 - LOWER CONCERN - Over 290 products (none contain neonicotinoids) are rated Tier 3

The formulated product is listed as low acute toxicity and/or has no warnings about toxicity to honey bees.

Neonicotinoid chemical names include: **Acetamiprid, Clothianidin, Dinotefuran, Imidacloprid, Nitenpyram (commonly sold as Capstar), Thiacloprid and Thiamethoxam.**

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Safer Glyphosate Alternatives from USDA IR-4 Project Biopesticide Database - <https://www.ir4project.org/bpos/biopesticide-organic-database/>

TradeName	ActiveIngredient	Organic	LabelPDF	EPA Registration	CompanyName	CompanyContact	CompanyWebsite	Worker Reentry	Efficacy Data
Also see PRI Herbicide & Defoliant Lists									
All Down Concentrate	Acetic Acid, citric acid	Y	http://ir4.rutgers.edu/Biopesticides/Labels/AllDown_Concentrate_label.pdf	84069-1	SummerSet	(952)-368-0020	http://www.summer-setproducts.com	0 hours	http://www.hosuff.edu/sites/default/files/faculty/cachase/publications/FSHS_2004.pdf
Avenger	Citrus Oil (d-limonene)	Y	https://www3.epa.gov/pesticides/chem_search/ppls/082052-00004-20170228.pdf	82052-1	Avenger Organics	866-906-9333 support@avengerorganics.com	http://www.avengerorganics.com/	4 hours	http://ir4.rutgers.edu/Ornamental/SummaryReports/NEWSS_ResearchUpdate_2013.pdf
Avenger AG Optima	d-limonene	Y	http://ir4.rutgers.edu/Biopesticides/Labels/AvengerAgOptima_01-19.pdf	92967-4	Avenger Organics	866-906-9333 support@avengerorganics.com	http://www.avengerorganics.com/	4 hours	
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BioLink	Capric Acid, Caprylic Acid	Y	http://ir4.rutgers.edu/Biopesticides/Labels/BioLink_01-19.pdf	51517-10	Westbridge Agricultural Products	Andy Hudson (800) 876-2767 ahudson@westbridge.com	http://westbridge.com/	24 hours	
Chontrol Peat Paste	Chondrostereum purpureum isolate PFC 2139	N	http://ir4.rutgers.edu/Biopesticides/Labels/Chontrol.pdf	74200-2	Mycologic, Inc.	250-213-6941		Use same day after opening	http://ir4.rutgers.edu/Biopesticides/bioFinalReport/neutral%2006.pdf
Devine Mycoherbicide	Live Chlamydo spores of Phytophthora palmivora MWV	N	https://www3.epa.gov/pesticides/chem_search/ppls/073049-00009-20060301.pdf	73049-9	Valent U.S.A. LLC.	Jeff Smith 678-364-0258 jeffrey.smith@valent.com	http://www.valentbiosciences.com/	4 hours	
Dominus	Allyl isothiocyanate	N	http://www.cdms.net/ldat/ld853004.pdf	89285-2	Isagro	Chris Leon 601-856-0714 cleon@isagro-usa.com	http://www.isagro-usa.com/	5 days	http://goo.gl/6HaNRM
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Fiesta	Iron HEDTA (FeHEDTA)	N	http://www.fiestaweedkiller.com/_media/downloads/product-label.pdf	67702-26-87865	Neudorff	Lauren Hall 2506525888 x203 lauren@neudorff.com	http://www.neudorff.com/neudorff-usa/home.html	0 hours	http://ir4.rutgers.edu/Biopesticides/bioFinalReport/Wilen13.pdf
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Scythe Herbicide	Pelargonic Acid (Nonanoic Acid)	N	http://www.gowanco.com/sites/default/files/gowanco.com/_attachments/product/resource/label/scythe_10163325_03-r1112.pdf	62719-529	Gowan Company	Nikki Yopez / Emily Foley 928-819-1516 efoley@gowanco.com	http://www.gowanco.com/	12 hours	http://www.hortla.okstate.edu/research-and-outreach/programs/HIS/pdfs/2007-HIS.pdf#page=145
Suppress	Caprylic acid, Capric acid	Y	http://ir4.rutgers.edu/Biopesticides/Labels/SUPPRESS.pdf	51517-9	Westbridge Agricultural Products	Andy Hudson (800) 876-2767 ahudson@westbridge.com	http://westbridge.com/	24 hours	
Weed Pharm	Acetic Acid	Y	http://www.pharmsolutionsinc.com/index_html_files/Weed-Pharm-Food-Use-Label-Comm-1gal.pdf	81936-1-81935	Pharm Solutions Inc.	Susan E. Lewis 805-927-7500 susan@psiorganic.com	http://www.pharmsolutionsinc.com/	48 hours	https://goo.gl/emxDxI
Weed Zap	Cinnamon and Clove Oil	Y	http://ir4.rutgers.edu/Biopesticides/Labels/weed_zap.pdf	25b EXEMPT	SaferGro	(805) 650-8918 info@safergro.com	http://www.safergro.com/	0 hours	http://www.hae-journals.org/archives/haen_25/hae_25_15.pdf
WOW! Supreme	Corn gluten meal	N	http://cdn.gardensalive.com/downloads/4894_label.pdf	56872-2	Gardens Alive Inc	(513)354-1482	http://www.gardensalive.com/	0 hours	



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Product Name	Registration Number	Hazard Tier
ADMIRAL LIQUID Product type: Herbicide Aquatic; Algaecide	67064-2	✓
AIM HERBICIDE Product type: Defoliant; Desiccant; Herbicide Terrestrial	279-3194	✓
AVENGER WEED KILLER Product type: Herbicide Terrestrial	82052-3	✓
AVENGER WEED KILLER CONCENTRATE Product type: Herbicide	82052-1	✓
BIOWEED Product type: Herbicide	EXEMPT-1 	✓
BONIDE TOMATO AND BLOSSOM SET SPRAY Product type: Biochemical Pesticide; Plant Growth Regulator	4-456	✓
CINNACURE A3005	58866-12	

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EcoEXEMPT HC	EXEMPT-2			✓
Product type	Herbicide			
EMBARC 2-S PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR	2217-759			✓
Product type	Herbicide Terrestrial; Regulator			
FLOREL BRAND G/R PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR	264-543			✓
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FLOREL BRAND GROWTH REGULATOR	54705-8			✓
Product type	Defoliant; Herbicide Terrestrial; Regulator			
FLURIDONE SC	67690-30			✓
Product type	Herbicide Aquatic			
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GreenMatch EX	EXEMPT-1258582			✓
Product type	Herbicide			
KILLER FOR ICE PLANT WEEDS	84396-30			✓
Product type	Herbicide Terrestrial			

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<p>NEU1173H RTU</p> <p>Product type Herbicide; Algaecide</p>		<p>67702-27</p>	<p>3 ✓</p>
<p>POLYVERSUM</p> <p>Product type Plant Growth Regulator; Plant Growth Stimulator; Fungicide/Fungistat</p>		<p>81606-1</p>	<p>3 ✓</p>
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<p>Weed & Grass Killer</p> <p>Product type Herbicide</p>		<p>EXEMPT-708582</p>	<p>3 ✓</p>
<p>WOW PLUS</p> <p>Product type Herbicide Terrestrial</p>		<p>56872-2</p>	<p>3 ✓</p>

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May 5th, 2020

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This summer Maryland PIRG staff knocked on doors across the state and talked with 7,000 Marylanders about pesticide use and its impact on public health. Staff also collected hundreds of petition signatures from Baltimore residents, and thousands statewide calling on legislators to support a ban on the toxic pesticide RoundUp. We thought you would be interested in seeing the Baltimore City signatures.

It's absurd that a weed killer, designed to make our lives more convenient, and food production more efficient, should be allowed to put public health at risk.

Roundup, and generic versions of it, is the most widely used herbicide in the U.S. But because of its robust use, recently it hasn't been getting the job done. Weeds have grown resistant, and these "super weeds" require more and more Roundup to kill. Not surprisingly, the response has been to increase the dosage of the chemicals used, increasing the frequency of its use, or combining Roundup with other herbicides.

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Sincerely,
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Council Ordinance 20-0495 Pesticide Control and Regulation
Position: Support
May 7, 2020
Health Committee
Chaired by Councilmember Kristerfer Burnett

Environment Maryland is a citizen-based environmental advocacy organization. We work to protect clean air, clean water, and open space. We have thousands of members across the state and are based in Baltimore.

Maryland PIRG is a statewide, non-partisan, non-profit, citizen-funded public interest advocacy organization with grassroots members across the state and a student-funded, student-directed chapter at the University of Maryland College Park.

Chairman Burnett and Members of the Committee,

We applaud Councilmember Mary Pat Clarke for introducing legislation to ban all pesticides containing **chlorpyrifos, neonicotinoids, and glyphosate** (the main chemical in RoundUp). Scientists, farmers, beekeepers and advocates have sounded the alarm: it's time to ban these toxic chemicals.

As members of Maryland's **Smart on Pesticides Coalition**, we have helped create robust coalition testimony, but also wanted to highlight a few key points for our organizations.

It's absurd that weed killers, designed to make our lives more convenient, and food production more efficient, should be allowed to put public health at risk. All of these toxic pesticides are harmful to health.

Glyphosate is the main chemical ingredient in RoundUp. Roundup, and generic versions of it, is the most widely used herbicide in the U.S. According to the cancer agency at the World Health Organization, glyphosate is a probable human carcinogen. This study links glyphosate to a wide range of cancers including pancreatic cancer, skin cancers, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and endocrine disruption, as well as non-cancer illness such as liver and kidney damage, genetic damage, decreased sperm count and developmental abnormalities.

Chlorpyrifos is a toxic, nerve agent pesticide that harms public health, the environment and wildlife. It is found in air and water—and people's bodies. In 2016, the EPA found that infants, children, young girls and women are exposed to dangerous levels of chlorpyrifos through the food they eat, and that children eat up to 140 times the safety limit throughout their lifetimes.¹

Even low-level exposure can cause developmental delays, brain damage and behavioral problems in children. This insecticide belongs to a class of chemicals called organophosphates, which includes now outlawed chemicals like sarin gas that were used in WWI as neurotoxins. While chlorpyrifos is most harmful to developing humans, people of all ages can suffer from nausea, dizziness, and convulsions from acute exposure.² Evidence of these harmful effects were witnessed in California in 2017,³ when several workers were hospitalized from exposure and dozens more sought medical attention.

¹ CCCEH Team, "[April 30, 2012. Prenatal Exposure to the Insecticide Chlorpyrifos Linked to Alterations in Brain Structure and Cognition.](#)" Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health, April 30, 2012.

² Virginia A. Rauh, et al., "[Brain anomalies in children exposed prenatally to a common organophosphate pesticide.](#)" PNAS, April 30, 2012.

³ Xindi Hu, "[The Most Widely Used Pesticide, One Year Later.](#)" Harvard University Science in the News, April 17, 2018.

Neonics are neurotoxics and may adversely affect the development of neurons and brain structures associated with functions such as learning and memory according to recent research by the European Food Safety Authority. Some neonics may affect the developing human nervous system, as well as potentially increase the risk of cancer, reproductive harm and endocrine disruption.

No Bees, No Food

In addition to direct impacts on public health, we should be taking every precaution to protect our pollinators and our food supply. There is conclusive evidence that neonicotinoids and Chlorpyrifos are deadly to bees. These chemicals not only kill bees outright, but can also damage their ability to learn, their memory, their ability to produce a new queen and it reduces their ability to fight varroa mites.

Bees are dying at an unprecedented rate—millions of them—with real consequences for our environment and our food supply. A University of Maryland study found that honeybee losses last winter were the greatest in 13 years.

Pollinator losses should concern us because losing our bees means losing a huge percentage of our food. Bees are essential to our food supply. They pollinate apples, blueberries, avocados, coffee, almonds, cucumbers, pumpkins, alfalfa used to feed dairy cows, tomatoes and so much more. **Just 100 crops provide 90 percent of the world's food. We rely on bees to pollinate 71 of these essential crops.** And beyond food, a world without bees weakens the web of life that sustains us and all species.

We should be taking every precaution to protect our pollinators and our food supply. Banning these toxic chemicals is a critical step.

Thank you for your service to Baltimore. We urge you to support this bill.

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To: The Baltimore City Council Health Committee
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Re: Pesticide Control and Regulation Council Bill 20-0495 - SUPPORT

Chairman Burnett, Vice Chairman Henry, members of the Baltimore City Council Health Committee, my name is Lisa Radov. I am President and Chairman of Maryland Votes for Animals. Our organization represents thousands of Marylanders across the state, many of whom reside in Baltimore City. On behalf of our members who live and work in your districts, I am here in SUPPORT of Council Bill 20-0495.

Chlorpyrifos, Neonicotinoids, and Glyphosphate have been shown to be toxic to animals, people, and the environment. Chlorpyrifos is toxic to many species of birds including robins, grackles, pigeons, and Mallard ducklings. In addition to laying fewer eggs, the eggshells of those eggs laid by Mallards are thinner than normal, so fewer ducklings survive. DDT, which was banned in the US in 1972, was the subject of Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring* exposed the hazards of DDT to people and wildlife, especially birds.

Chlorpyrifos was invented as an alternative to the pesticide DDT – which itself was a substitute for toxic lead arsenate – and has become part of a pattern known as “regrettable substitution”. Originally banned at the federal level by the Obama Administration in 2017, the ban was reversed before it went into effect by the Trump Administration. This was despite the fact that in 2017 The US Fish and Wildlife Service found that chlorpyrifos was so toxic that it would “jeopardize the existence” of more than 1200 endangered species including including birds, fish, and other wildlife.

While we do have some wildlife in Baltimore, we have to examine the link between these pesticides, our pets, and the residents of Baltimore City. Maryland Votes for Animals worked on the statewide bills to ban chlorpyrifos and restrict the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, a.k.a. The Pollinator Protection Act, to protect wildlife as well as bees and other pollinators. With the passage of the Pollinator Protection Act, neonicotinoids are not only heavily limited for outdoor application but also banned for neonicotinoid-containing flea and tick repellents for pets, lice and bedbug treatments as well as other indoor insecticides, including ant baits.

Many of these anti-tick treatments for pets include chlorpyrifos and neonicotinoids. Since people come into close contact with their pets, human exposure to these active ingredients is inevitable as people play, cuddle, and even sleep with their pets. Glyphosphate is still widely used as an herbicide in residential gardens and commercial properties. Roundup, the most popular pesticide that contains glyphosphate, says on its

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label that it is safe once it dries, but that is more to keep it from being tracked onto carpets than for the safety of the pet or people. Pets who ingest glyphosphate may have issues that range from developmental effects, cataracts, and acute stomach problems. Most people walk their dogs twice a day, bringing pesticide residue from the outdoor environment into their homes, exposing families to pesticides that pets and people pick up when they walk on or in close proximity to pesticide treated lawns, neighborhood playgrounds, parks, or golf courses. Pets and people are at risk so long as these chemicals can be used in Baltimore City.

In a study by Perdue University and University of North Carolina that measured lawn chemicals in dog urine from households chemically treated their lawns versus those that do not, chemicals were found in the urine of 14 of 25 dogs in households before lawn treatment, and in 19 out of 25 households after lawn treatment. Those lawn chemicals were also found in the urine of dogs in 4 out of 8 households that did not treat their lawns with chemicals. This is most likely due to the fact that the chemicals do not observe property lines, and are not restricted to just staying in the yard in which they were applied. When testing for pesticides in humans, Pesticide Watch reported that a study of 9,282 people nationwide by The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found pesticides in 100% of the people who had both blood and urine tested. The average person carried 13 of 23 pesticides tested.

It is time to stop poisoning our environment with toxic chemicals that end up doing more harm than good. Councilwoman Clarke, thank you for sponsoring this bill. I urge this committee to stand up for pets and people in Baltimore City and pass Pesticide Control and Regulation Council Bill 20-0495.