



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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June 27, 2014

The Honorable Joan Carter Conway
Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West Miller Senate Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Maggie McIntosh
Chair, Environmental Matters Committee
251 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: 2013 SB675/HB775, *Maryland Pesticide Reporting and Information Workgroup*

Dear Chair Conway and Chair McIntosh,

On behalf of the Pesticide Reporting and Information Workgroup, we are providing an update following the 2014 legislative session.

In January 2014 the workgroup submitted an interim report to you on the work completed during the 2013 interim period. The workgroup did not reconvene after submitting the report.

Based on the workgroups recommendations, legislation (SB700/HB621) was introduced and passed in 2014, enacting a fee to support greater data gathering. Also, the recommendation regarding a more extensive survey is being addressed by the Maryland Department of Agriculture that has convened a workgroup to examine the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) survey.

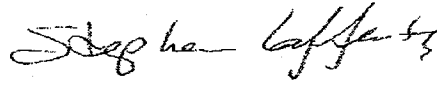
We believe that the work of the taskforce established in 2013 by SB675/HB775, *Maryland Pesticide Reporting and Information Workgroup* is complete and no further reports will be submitted.

We are available to discuss this update with you and/or your respective committees should you wish.

Sincerely,

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Senator Roger Manno

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Delegate Stephen Lafferty