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Legislative Committee:

Montgomery County Council T&E Committee

Bill 52-14 Work Session [Monday, March 16, 9:30 a.m.](#)

Please consider attending the T&E Committee work session Monday to support our opposition panelists and to show there continues to be strong opposition to the bill. The session begins [at 9:30](#) and will likely run until [11 a.m.](#) in the Council Hearing Room, [100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD.](#)

The two panels presenting information to the committee will be made up of regulators from EPA, Maryland Department of Agriculture and County Department of the Environment, and doctors and scientists, respectively.

I have asked Grace to forward this to Board members and voting members.

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From: Press Release - Montgomery County Council <MCCouncil-LIO@public.govdelivery.com>
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The Montgomery County Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (T and E) Committee at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 16, will hold a worksession on Bill 52-14 that would ban certain pesticides from being applied to lawns and to certain County-owned properties.

Montgomery Council Committee to Discuss Bill That Would Ban Most Lawn Pesticides

*Also on Monday, March 16: 'Design for Life' Incentives to
Help Create More Housing Opportunities
for Persons with Disabilities*

ROCKVILLE, Md., March 13, 2015—The Montgomery County Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (T and E) Committee at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 16, will hold a worksession on Bill 52-14 that would ban certain pesticides from being applied to lawns and to certain County-owned properties.

The T and E Committee, which is chaired by Roger Berliner and includes Councilmembers Nancy Floreen and Tom Hucker, will meet in the Third Floor Hearing Room of the Council Office Building at 100 Maryland Ave. in Rockville. The meeting will be broadcast live on County Cable Montgomery (Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and will be streamed live via the Council web site at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council.

The chief sponsor of Bill 52-14 is Council President George Leventhal. Councilmembers Marc Elrich, Nancy Floreen, Nancy Navarro and Hans Riemer are co-sponsors. Two public hearings on the bill, on Jan. 15 and Feb. 12, each

had more than 300 attendees.

There will a number of experts representing several views on the issue at Monday's worksession. Two panels are scheduled for the worksession.

The first panel is scheduled to include Lisa Feldt, the director of the County's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Stan Edwards, chief of the DEP Division of Environmental Policy and Compliance; Carol Holko, assistant secretary of Plant Industries and Pest Management for the Maryland Department of Agriculture; and Dan Kenny, branch chief for the Herbicide Branch of the Office of Pesticide Programs in the Registration Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The second panel is scheduled to include Jerome Paulson, professor emeritus in Pediatrics at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences and professor emeritus in Environmental and Occupational Health at the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health; Lome Garrettson, professor emeritus at Emory University's Departments of Pediatrics and Environmental and Occupational Medicine; and Stuart Cohen of Environmental and Turf Services, Inc.

The regulation of pesticides is the shared responsibility of federal, state and local governments. At the national level, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) is the primary vehicle for pesticide regulation. Under FIFRA, the states are the primary enforcers of pesticide use regulations, and FIFRA expressly authorizes states to enact their own regulatory measures concerning the sale or use of any federally registered pesticides in the state, provided the state regulation is at least as restrictive as FIFRA itself.

Due to the fact that the vast majority of states have preempted local jurisdictions from regulating pesticides, there are only two examples of local jurisdictions banning pesticide use on public and private property: the city of Takoma Park in Montgomery County and Ogunquit, Me.

At 2 p.m. in the Seventh Floor Hearing Room, the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee, which is chaired by Councilmember Floreen and includes Councilmembers Leventhal and Riemer, will hold a work session on Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 15-02 that would allow a conditional use for "Design for Life" projects with increased density under certain circumstances. The ZTA's chief sponsor is Councilmember Craig Rice. Councilmembers Berliner, Floreen, Tom Hucker and Sidney Katz are co-sponsors.

The County allows tax credits to builders and homeowners for including features in new and existing single-family dwelling units that improve accessibility for persons with disabilities. There are standards for both making it easier for physically challenged visitors (Level 11) and physically challenged occupants (Level III). The tax credits became effective on July 1, 2014. The intent of the law was to increase stock accessible dwelling units in the County and thereby create a more inclusive community. However, builders of new dwelling units have not

taken advantage of this provision and the Council's intent to provide more housing for disabled persons has not been realized. Although some larger builders offered accessibility improvements as an option in new homes, no new home buyer took advantage of this option.

The sponsors of ZTA 15-02 believe that more incentives are warranted for new accessible communities and the ZTA would create a new conditional use for Design for Life communities that include features to make access easier for visitors and residents.

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