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Secretary Serena Coleman McIlwain  
Maryland Department of the Environment  
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1800 Washington Boulevard  
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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Secretary McIlwain,

Our offices have received multiple concerns from the White Marsh/Cowenton Community Association, as well as several residents of the area, over Evans Funeral Chapel's proposed crematorium located at 11543 Philadelphia Road, White Marsh, MD 21162.

A community petition stated that the proposed crematorium would be near a daycare, several restaurants, and shops, and in close proximity to hundreds of homes. Many residents of the area have voiced concerns over the possible physical and financial harm the incinerator crematorium would cause if built in this area.

Can you please provide us with detailed information and statistics regarding the permitting process, air quality testing and frequency, and potential health and physical implications? Additionally, is there a limit on the number of cremations a crematorium incinerator can provide within a certain time frame, as well as are there any known scientific studies that show what if any, air quality implications may occur caused by extended incinerator usage?

Due to the urgency in this matter, we respectfully request that MDE take into consideration the thoughts and concerns of the constituents who reside near this facility's new potential project and provide us, and the community, with answers to the previously mentioned questions and concerns.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue with you further. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the Baltimore County District 7A Team, please email Senator Jennings at: [jb.jennings@senate.state.md.us](mailto:jb.jennings@senate.state.md.us).

Sincerely yours,

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