



Bill Title: House Bill 988, Environment – Business Recycling Reporting Requirements

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Date: February 26, 2020

Position: Unfavorable

This testimony is offered on behalf of the Maryland Multi-Housing Association (MMHA). MMHA is a professional trade association established in 1996, whose members consist of owners and managers of more than 210,000 rental housing homes in over 958 apartment communities. Our members house over 538,000 residents of the State of Maryland. MMHA also represents over 250 associate member companies who supply goods and services to the multi-housing industry.

House Bill 988 requires a commercial entity that privately contracts for waste removal or recycling services business to submit a recycling report approved the County on or before March 1 of each year. The recycling report must include the total amount by weight, of solid waste generated by the business and the amount and types of materials recycled. The bill specifies the contents of the recycling report and establishes a penalty not to exceed \$50 for a violation of the Act.

MMHA appreciates the intent of House Bill 988. However, this bill places an entirely new and infeasible mandate upon our industry. While apartment communities do collect refuse and recycling and ensure the disposal of such, we maintain these items in cubic yard dumpsters without an ability to weigh and report on the items collected. As a result of this bill, every apartment community in the State would have to place weigh-scales on their properties. This is simply impractical.

For the foregoing reasons, MMHA respectfully requests an **unfavorable report on House Bill 988.**

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