

Maryland-Delaware Solid Waste Association

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TO: The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair
Members, House Environment and Transportation Committee
The Honorable Stephanie Smith

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RE: **OPPOSE** – House Bill 1538 – *Environment – Waste Haulers – Reporting Requirement*

The Maryland Delaware Solid Waste Association (MDSWA), a chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association, is a trade association representing the private solid waste industry in the State of Maryland. Its membership includes hauling and collection companies, processing and recycling facilities, transfer stations, and disposal facilities. MDSWA and its members **oppose** House Bill 1538.

House Bill 1538 requires waste haulers to report biannually the actual tonnage of waste collected or hauled disaggregated by: type of waste; and type of generator; the name and location of each facility and disposal site to which waste was delivered during the reporting period, including the amount and type of waste delivered to each facility and disposal site. While the intent of the legislation seems to be to create a data base for the Department to create a summary report of waste hauling statistics in the State, it is not clear what such a database would provide the Department, even if it were possible to collect the required data.

However, regardless of the objective that the sponsor may be seeking to accomplish, it is impossible for waste haulers to collect and report the required data. Waste haulers cannot disaggregate tonnage by type of waste or type of generator. Nor are they able to report the type and tonnage of waste by facility. It is also common for haulers to collect waste across state lines and therefore data would not be Maryland specific. A collection vehicle will collect from multiple locations thereby making it impossible to disaggregate the data as proposed.

Finally, most of the data that would be anticipated to be collected by haulers is already available. Disposal and recycling facilities have records of the materials they manage. Counties report most of this data in their required reports that calculate their recycling rates. The provisions of House Bill 1538 cannot be accomplished. An unfavorable report is requested.

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