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House Bill 1070

Solid Waste Disposal and Diversion and On-Farm Composting and Compost Use

Position: **OPPOSE**

Date: February 25, 2022

To: Environment and Transportation Committee

The Caroline County Commissioners **OPPOSE** HB 1070, Solid Waste Disposal and Diversion and On-Farm Composting and Compost Use. This bill establishes an additional operating cost (tax) on solid waste refuse facilities to fund composting facilities throughout the State. With the \$5 per ton tax on solid waste, the cost of running the facility will increase, thus increasing the costs for the facility users.

Caroline County is the current location of the Mid-Shore II Regional Solid Waste Facility which serves the citizens of the region, encompassing Kent, Talbot, Queen Anne's, and Caroline Counties. Every 20 years, a County within the membership hosts the landfill for all 4 Counties to utilize. While we encourage environmental responsibility and stewardship, the Caroline County Commissioners oppose legislation that imposes new taxes on services that are funded by the Counties and their citizens in the membership operation. With this, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on House Bill 1070.

Sincerely,

Larry Porter
President
Caroline County Commissioners