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March 15, 2022

The Hon. Del. Kumar Barve, Chair and committee members
Maryland General Assembly
House Environment and Transportation Committee
Taylor House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Del. Barve and Committee Members:

The US Composting Council wishes to be on the record as supporting HB1070, introduced by Del. Regina Boyce.

We applaud the funds designated towards on-farm composting, compost use and the portion of the funding available to larger private compost facilities as well.

Our national research has found (see the attached white paper) that states with grant funding available for compost infrastructure development build that infrastructure much more quickly. As you know, compost has multiple co-benefits aside from the jobs it provides and the landfill diversion to beneficial reuse that counties and municipalities will receive. Compost additionally provides numerous ecosystem benefits, including drought resilience, soil health, carbon sequestration, stormwater runoff amelioration and erosion control.

Please forward a positive recommendation on this bill.

Sincerely,

Frank Franciosi
Executive Director