



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

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SB 222 - Environment – Reducing Packaging Materials – Producer Responsibility

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COMMITTEE: House Environment and Transportation Committee
POSITION: Support
FROM: Rebecca Culler, Recycling Program Manager, Division of Solid Waste & Recycling, Frederick County Government

Thank you for your consideration of SB 222 Environment – Reducing Packaging Materials – Producer Responsibility. As the Director of the Division of Solid Waste & Recycling in Frederick County, I urge the committee to give SB 222 a FAVORABLE report.

SB 222 seeks to hold packaging material producers accountable for the disposition of their products. This will be accomplished through the establishment of a producer responsibility plan which will be developed in consultation with the producer responsibility organization. The producer responsibility organization will make assessments of statewide recycling needs.

This statewide effort would encompass the needs of Frederick County. SB 222 would establish the ability of the advisory council to authorize local government to request reimbursement from the packaging producers that have an approved plan on file. Frederick County could see a very minor impact from administrative time spent preparing data to be considered for reimbursement.

As a result, we see only upsides from the passage of SB 222.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 222. On behalf of Frederick County Government, I urge a FAVORABLE report.

Respectfully,

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