

HB0457 Environment - Synthetic Turf - Chain of Custody - favorable

Dear Chair Korman and Co-Chair Boyce, and members of the committee,

My name is Carla Tevelow and i am in support of HB0457 - Chain of Custody for synthetic turf.

At this time, there are thousands of tons of synthetic/artificial fields on the ground throughout Maryland. Not only do they contain plastic but there are many fields using crumb tire waste, which contains lead, for infill. Anybody and everybody who is aware of plastic and lead in our environment, knows how detrimental it is to not only our health but also the health of other organisms. Also, these fields need to be trashed and replaced every 8-10 years.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to track this massive amount of toxic plastic waste and infill. This bill requires Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) to establish a system to track the chain of custody of synthetic turf and turf infill installed on sports playing fields, from installation to removal, reuse, repurposing, recycling, and disposal and publish this chain of custody information on MDE's website.

Many people are very sensitive and would like to avoid being in areas which augment and affect their health, as this product does. We need to rely on the state of Maryland/MDE to allow its citizens this opportunity.

Please vote for HB0457.

Thank you for your consideration,
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