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Bill: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb1092F.pdf>

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Testimony on HB1092—Recycling—Prohibition of Chemical Conversion of Plastic.

Position: Favorable

I support HB1092 which would prohibit the construction of any facilities that would convert plastics to fuel or feedstock. My reasons this bill are driven by the proposed Pilot Plastic Recycling Project by WR Grace in Columbia, Maryland. This pilot plant would release volatile compounds into the atmosphere in a densely populated residential area, full of children, the aged, and infirm.

Our home sits just two short exits east of the Grace facility. We are downwind of the proposed plant. We are both over 65 with the additional health vulnerabilities. We live in a 55+ community, so most of our neighbors share these vulnerabilities.

I feel that the State should ban plastic recycling plants to protect the health of their residents and urge the Committee to make a favorable report on HB1092.

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