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**Testimony in Support of HB 1092 – Recycling - Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic**

**To the Environment and Transportation Committee**

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Dear Chair Korman and members of the Committee. Industry continually comes up with new greenwashing schemes to claim that some industrial process is promoting a healthy environment. In the case of chemical conversion of plastic, a scientific analysis of the process indicates that this type of conversion creates too many toxic chemicals and too much air pollution to be considered environmentally constructive.

House Bill 1092 will legally establish that chemical conversion of plastics is not classified as recycling. Further, it will prohibit the construction or operation of certain types of chemical plants in Maryland that are, in fact, dangerous to our residents' health. Please issue a favorable report on this bill to keep yet another new source of dangerous pollutants out of our environment.