



HB 338 State Buildings and State Highways - Collection and Disposal of Yard Waste

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Position: Support

Dear Chair Korman, Vice-Chair Boyce, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

HB338 prohibits the disposal of yard waste collected on the grounds of a state building or state highway in a single-use plastic container.

We enthusiastically support the goal of reducing plastic waste and supporting a transition away from single-use plastic. This bill's requirement to collect yard waste in a container that is not disposed of with the yard waste or that is a compostable paper bag will make it easier to recycle organic materials. This will help further diversion of yard waste from disposal and support Maryland's recycling and diversion goals.

Prohibiting the collection and disposal of yard waste in single-use plastic containers also helps set a visible example to educate and support wider adoption of similar policies to transition away from single-use plastic use in local jurisdictions.

For these reasons, we urge a favorable report on HB338.

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