

Testimony in Support of HB1092 - Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic

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To: Environment and Transportation Committee

Subject: Testimony in Support of HB1092 - Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic

Position: **Favorable**

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I am submitting testimony in support of HB1092 - Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic. I am in favor of this legislation because chemical recycling is a significant danger to public health and the environment, and facilities that engage in this practice should not be allowed.

These facilities emit hazardous chemicals into the air, and also produce large amounts of greenhouse gases, making the climate emergency worse.

The toxic waste generated by the chemical recycling process poisons the natural resources that we depend on to support human life. Plastics contain thousands of hazardous chemicals. Many of these are released during burning and create highly toxic emissions during that process. These emissions include chemicals which [have been linked to serious health risks](#) such as cancer, developmental disorders, and harm to organs.

Chemical recycling plants also raise issues of environmental justice, as they are often located near low-income communities and communities of color. These communities frequently are already overburdened by pollution from nearby industry, making them especially vulnerable to risks to their health.

Maryland should support clean energy generation, not polluting facilities.

Please give a favorable vote to HB1092.

Sincerely,

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