



The Maryland Department of the Environment
Secretary Serena McIlwain

HB 338

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

Position: Support

Committee: Environment and Transportation

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The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) **SUPPORTS** HB 338.

Bill Summary

The bill would prevent a person from disposing of yard waste collected on the grounds of a state building or state highway in a single-use plastic container. The bill would also require a person collecting yard waste on the grounds of a state building or highway to do so in a container that will not be discarded with the yard waste or is compostable.

Position Rationale

Requiring that yard waste be collected in a container that will not be discarded with the yard waste or is compostable can save organic recyclers time and money because they will not have to debug the waste during processing. MDE anticipates that this will help promote the additional diversion of yard waste and encourage local governments to adopt similar policies.

For the reasons detailed above MDE asks for a **FAVORABLE** report for HB 338.