



## TESTIMONY FOR HB1092

### Recycling – Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Terrasa

**Committee:** Environment and Transportation

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1092 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Our Coalition members support the recycling of as much packaging waste as possible. We feel that waste materials, particularly plastics, are becoming a bigger and more expensive problem for the state. All plastics should be recyclable, but in many cases, the process of recycling them is more toxic than the plastics themselves.

This bill will prohibit some of the more toxic processes, including –

- Pyrolysis
- Hydropyrolysis
- Methanolysis
- Gassification
- Enzymatic Breakdown, or
- Similar processes

It also prohibits the state from building a facility that uses these processes to recycle plastics.

While we want to see plastics recycled, we acknowledge that some processes are too toxic. We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.