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To: Members of the Maryland State House Environment & Transportation Committee

RE: Maryland House Bill 1092 - Oppose

On behalf of the Household and Commercial Products Association (HCPA), we submit these comments on HB 1092, a bill that would prohibit chemical conversion in Maryland.

HCPA members manufacture a diverse array of products—including household cleaning supplies, air care items, aerosols, floor care solutions, automotive maintenance products, and specialty pesticides such as antimicrobial disinfectants and sanitizers—that are vital for maintaining clean and healthy homes and workplaces. Many products represented by HCPA would be impacted by the prohibitions included in HB 1092; therefore, we have a direct pecuniary interest in discussion on matters about advanced recycling in the State.¹

Advanced recycling approaches break down used plastics into their basic building blocks, enabling them to be reprocessed into new plastics, waxes, and other high-value products. These technologies produce high-purity plastic resins and chemicals from what would otherwise be waste, serving as a crucial complement to mechanical recycling. By expanding the range of materials that can be recycled and replacing virgin plastics in product packaging, advanced recycling facilities not only divert valuable materials from landfills but also convert waste into useful feedstock.

Our principal concern with HB 1092 is that it dismisses effective and valuable recycling technology indiscriminately. The proposal would eliminate numerous different technologies that work in concert with mechanical recycling and runs counter to Maryland's goals of increasing recycling under its extended producer responsibility initiatives.

We believe HB 1092 is fundamentally flawed. It jeopardizes progress toward a circular economy and is inconsistent with similar advanced recycling initiatives in other states. While HCPA supports policies that promote recycling and environmental sustainability, we must oppose HB 1092, as it would lead to unnecessary economic and environmental disruptions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle L. Kopa".

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¹ The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) is the premier trade association representing companies that manufacture and sell \$180 billion annually of trusted and familiar products used for cleaning, protecting, maintaining, and disinfecting homes and commercial environments. HCPA member companies employ 200,000 people in the U.S. whose work helps consumers and workers to create cleaner, healthier and more productive lives.