



February 11, 2020

To: Maryland House Health and Government Operations Committee and Maryland Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Re: HB 772 Maryland Green Purchasing Committee - Food Procurement - Greenhouse Gas Emissions and SB 478 Maryland Green Purchasing Committee - Food Procurement - Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The Maryland Recycling Network promotes sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling (the 3 "R's") of materials otherwise destined for disposal and the purchase of products made with recycled material content. We achieve these goals through education programs, advocacy activities to affect public policy, technical assistance efforts, and the development of markets to purchase recycled materials and manufacture products with recycled content.

We are writing to share our general support for HB 772/SB 478 Maryland Green Purchasing Committee - Food Procurement - Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

The Maryland Recycling Network stands ready to serve as a sounding board and resource for legislators and others interested in pursuing our mission. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email phoustle@marylandrecyclingnetwork.org, phone 301-725-2508 or mail - MRN, PO Box 1640, Columbia MD 21044 if you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the above.

We look forward to working with you to continue the strides we have all made to improve Maryland's recycling programs in a time- and cost-effective manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete M. Houstle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pete M. Houstle
Executive Director