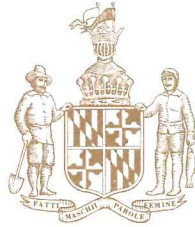


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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Education, Health and Environment Committee
Senate Bill 840 – Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products - Definition

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Senate Bill 840 is intended to clarify the current statute put forth by the General Assembly in 2019, Senate Bill 285, which prohibited a person from selling or offering to sell in the State an expanded polystyrene food service product. Senate Bill 840 would allow two things:

- To allow the shipment of polystyrene egg cartons into the State of Maryland for the purpose of allowing Maryland egg processors to ship packaged eggs back out of state.
- To allow Maryland egg producers to sell eggs packaged in polystyrene cartons to in-state food service businesses.

It is my understanding is that the original intent of last year's bill was not to punish or harm Maryland businesses, but rather aimed at the prevention of polystyrene egg carton use in local farmer's market sales.

I request the committee's favorable consideration of Senate Bill 840.