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RE: Support of HB0589 - Solid Waste Management - Organics Recycling and Waste Diversion - Food Residuals.

Greetings Delegate Charkoudian and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee, MOM's Organic Market would like to express our SUPPORT for HB0589 - Solid Waste Management - Organics Recycling and Waste Diversion - Food Residuals.

Roughly 1/3 of all food produced in the world for human consumption every year – approximately 1.3 billion tonnes – is wasted and ends up in a landfill or local incinerator. Requiring companies to support and use composting facilities is a win for Maryland, local businesses, waste facilities and our environment. As a Maryland based organic grocer who has been composting all food waste since 2005, we urge you to be a leader on this issue and recommend a favorable vote.

- MOM's composted nearly 3 million pounds of food waste, compostable paper, and bioplastics last year from our stores.
- There is a huge demand for composting in this state and MOM's allows customers to bring in their compost (free of charge) from home to aid the demand and help grow composting locally.
- We have great relationships with most composting companies in Maryland and would be happy to assist anyone in making the transition through getting started, educating staff/customers, training, etc.

You have the opportunity in Maryland to be leaders on this critical issue please support HB0589 - Solid Waste Management - Organics Recycling and Waste Diversion - Food Residuals.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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