



House Bill 896 - Environment - Statewide Green Business Certification Program – Establishment

Environment and Transportation Committee

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SUPPORT

House Bill 896 charges the Maryland Department of the Environment with creating a statewide program that mirrors and conforms with the Montgomery County Green Business Certification Program (GBC).

CohnReznick became a Certified Green Business in 2009. To qualify for this, CohnReznick made several changes to ensure we were compliant: Removed the use of paper cups and supplied over 400 employees with reusable tumblers, switched to recycled paper and stationery, encouraged staff to shred/recycle paper instead of trashing, recycled coffee grounds for fertilizer, to name a few.

It was important for CohnReznick to align with this effort because it was environmentally moral and simply aligned with our Renewable Energy practice. By doing this not only did we aid in protecting the environment but fulfilled a request that was requested from our Staff.

For the aforementioned reasons, **CohnReznick** supports House Bill 896 and respectfully urges a favorable report.