



January 19, 2021

The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan  
Vice Chairwoman Education, Health and Environment Affairs Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: **SUPPORT** – SB 116 – Department of the Environment – Office of Recycling – Recycling Market Development

Dear Vice Chairwoman Kagan and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Maryland Beer Wholesalers Association (MBWA) we **support SB 116** which requires the office of recycling in the Department of the Environment to promote the development of markets of recycled materials and recycled products in the State.

The MBWA consists of 22 Maryland businesses employing over 1,300 Maryland citizens that are majority owned and operated family businesses. Our members use recyclable or reusable packing whenever it is feasible. We also have long standing practices in our offices and warehouse that promote and encourage recycling in every aspect of our business.

We respectfully request that this committee support SB 116 as businesses, governments and citizens must continue to work collaboratively towards reducing wastes and improving recycling. It is our position that this legislation moves us in the right direction. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Manis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicholas G. Manis  
Executive Director

Cc: John Favazza