Support SB0716 Solid Waste Management – Prohibition on Releasing a Balloon into the Atmosphere – Senator Carozza – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee-Feb.24,1:00

Dear Senators,

Please support SB0716. Balloons are seen as fun and harmless objects, but they are deadly when released into the environment. Plastic pollution is one of our biggest environmental issues---microplastics are in our food, water, air, and in our bodies.

Released balloons, in addition to adding more plastic pollution, become deadly for wildlife, and are overall hazardous to the environment. Mylar balloons don't break down, while latex balloons take a long time to degrade. Some cause power outages when they come in contact with power lines. Wildlife, livestock, and pets may eat or become entangled in debris from balloons.

Let's stop balloon pollution! Support SB0716

Thank you, Maureen Fine 2509 Knighthill Lane Bowie, MD 20715 240-421-3454