

Maryland-Delaware Solid Waste Association

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TO: The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Members, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
The Honorable Sara Love

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DATE: March 31, 2021

RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 807 – *Task Force on Recycling Policy and Recycling and Waste Systems in Maryland*

The Maryland Delaware Solid Waste Association (MDSWA), a chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association, is a trade association representing the private solid waste industry in the State of Maryland. Its membership includes hauling and collection companies, processing and recycling facilities, transfer stations, and disposal facilities. MDSWA and its members **support** House Bill 807.

Recycling and waste management has been the focus of significant consideration by this Committee, specifically, and the General Assembly, generally, over the last few years. The commitment to enhance recycling in the State and address related issues regarding waste reduction and environmentally responsible processing and disposal have highlighted the fact that the Maryland Recycling Act has not recently been the subject of specific review and evaluation. The proposed Task Force and its charge may provide an avenue to address the objective of increasing recycling rates and/or better understanding the status of recycling in the State. As amended by the House, the Task Force also will study broader issues regarding Maryland's waste and recycling infrastructure. MDSWA appreciates the sponsor's inclusion of the Association in the Task Force membership and looks forward to working with the other stakeholders if the legislation is enacted.

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