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TO: The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair
Members, House Environment and Transportation Committee
The Honorable William J. Wivell

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RE: **LETTER OF INFORMATION** – House Bill 1103 – *Task Force to Study Recycling and the Processing of Solid Waste*

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 provide this **letter of information** regarding House Bill 1103.

House Bill 1103 creates a task force to study recycling and the new technologies available for the processing of municipal solid waste for purposes of reducing the amount of solid waste being landfilled. In conducting the study, the task force must examine the following topics: (1) the feasibility of a regional approach to the processing of municipal solid waste across the State; (2) the development and implementation of emerging technologies for processing municipal solid waste; (3) the reuse of abandoned facilities within the State that might be suitable for waste diversion; and (4) the development of incentives for public-private partnerships, private industry, or public entities to process municipal solid waste into recyclable products or expand or establish markets for recyclable products.

MDSWA has no objections to the creation of a task force to study recycling and the processing of solid waste and welcomes any opportunity to work with relevant stakeholders to evaluate programs and processes to improve Maryland's overall solid waste and recycling framework. That being said, MDSWA would like to register its concern that the composition of the proposed task force does not reflect the broad range of stakeholders required to appropriately evaluate the identified topics. Furthermore, the task force is only given one year to conduct a very complex study composed of several component issues that in and of themselves could take a year to evaluate. If the Committee chooses to move forward with the legislation, MDSWA would urge a more comprehensive membership and would extend the time frame for the study.

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