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March 29, 2021

The Hon. Kumar P. Barve, Chair  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 121 Zoning- Environmental Justice Consideration  
Letter of Opposition

Dear Chairman Barve and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County unanimously oppose SB SB 121 Zoning- Environmental Justice Consideration, which is scheduled for a public hearing on April 1, 2021.

It is our understanding that this legislation will require county governments to require an environmental justice analysis on applications for a special exception to construct or operate a landfill or other refuse disposal system in an area zoned for residential use.

Although this legislation is well intended, this is a state mandate on local government that will increase county fiscal operations to implement and monitor. There are also unintended consequences of counties, like Cecil County, which operate packaged systems for the convenience of residents. This legislation also places existing facilities in jeopardy of being denied, which would have a dire fiscal impact associated with closing of a landfill. This legislation needs more study in its impact on counties.

The County Executive and Cecil County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Environment and Transportation Committee to consider an unfavorable report on SB 121.

Sincerely;

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