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Delegate Kumar Barve, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
251 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1103 – SUPPORT– Task Force to Study Recycling and the Processing of Solid Waste

Dear Chairman Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

The Maryland Asphalt Association is comprised of 18 producer members representing more than 47 production facilities, 21 contractor members, 24 consulting engineer firms and 39 other associate members. We proactively work with regulatory agencies to represent the interests of the asphalt industry both in the writing and interpretation of state and federal regulations that may affect our members. We also advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland's multimodal transportation system.

We greatly appreciate the Sponsor's goals with this legislation and ask this committee to show support for HB 1103. This bill establishes a task force to study and offer recommendations for improving recycling practices. This will provide our State and industry with opportunities to enhance an outdated system, while indirectly addressing environmental and public health concerns. As technology is rapidly changing the way our world works, we must move alongside advancements to effectively serve our region to the best of our ability, and this legislation would provide the necessary and operational guidance to reach these goals we share as a region.

We thank you for your time and consideration and ask for a FAVORABLE report on House Bill 1103.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marshall Klinefelter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marshall Klinefelter
President
Maryland Asphalt Association