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

Re: House Bill 21

Dear Chairman Barve:

This letter is written on behalf of the Maryland Industrial Technology Alliance (“MITA”), a non-profit trade association representing industrial, manufacturing, and supporting businesses **opposing House Bill 21**, which would prohibit any person from building a facility in the State of Maryland that converts plastic to fuel through certain advanced recycling processes, including pyrolysis, hydrolysis, methanolysis, gasification, and enzymatic breakdown. MITA opposes this bill and requests an Unfavorable Report for the following reasons:

- Advanced recycling is a natural complement to traditional recycling methods because it allows for effective processing of certain plastics that are not capable of traditional recycling and thus ordinarily would end up in landfills. HB21 would reduce the potential for these types of processes and require more landfilling than otherwise would have been necessary.
- One report estimates that advanced recycling has the potential to grow to a \$120 billion industry in the United States and Canada alone. Several MITA members are interested in deploying this technology once commercially viable. HB21 would foreclose Marylanders from benefiting from this economic opportunity, with these facilities simply shifting across state lines.
- Numerous other states have passed legislation promoting advanced recycling, similar to other industries that the General Assembly has promoted as an economic growth opportunity. This legislation is significantly out-of-step with the national trend, halting a brand-new industry in its tracks.

For these reasons, MITA respectfully request that you give HB21 an **Unfavorable Report**.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Environment and Transportation Committee Members

