

SB0321 – SUPPORT
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Dear Senate Committee on Education, Health & Environmental Affairs,

Thank you for this hearing. For the record my name is Neil Seldman and I am a solid waste and recycling analyst for the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, based in Washington, DC. I am here to urge a favorable vote for SB0321. I have been an analyst of waste and recycling issues in the state of Maryland for many years and have worked for grassroots organizations and city/county agencies in Montgomery County, Frederick County, Carroll County, and Baltimore City.

I approve SB0321, which will help the local government understand exactly how much artificial turf has to be managed by both public agencies and private businesses. This will help authorities address environmental and economic issues posed by the use of this material. Finally, by appreciating the amount and impact of the disposal of this material, the government and industry can start the process of figuring out best management practices to protect the state's environmental resources.

Sincerely,

Neil Seldman