

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing my testimony in support of SB321. Transparency and accountability is required in disposal of this significant solid waste that will adversely affect our waterways and groundwater when not disposed of appropriately. A Chain of Custody system will also be a support for responsible recycling when that becomes available since the fate of the field will become transparent.

This is common-sense, good government. The cost of trying to remediate the harm from just one improperly handled field is more than the minimal cost of compliance and oversight required by this bill. We amplify the effectiveness of our Maryland Department of the Environment when we supplement their policing with effective policy.

I support this bill and recommend a FAVORABLE report in committee.

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