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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Chair, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Senate Bill 321 – Environment – Synthetic Turf and Turf Infill – Chain of Custody

Dear Chair Pinsky:

I am writing on behalf of the Synthetic Turf Council (“Association”) in opposition of Senate Bill 321.

Founded in 2003, the Synthetic Turf Council assists buyers and end users with the selection, use and maintenance of synthetic turf systems in sports fields, golf, municipal parks, airports, landscape, and residential applications.

The Association strongly opposes this chain of custody legislation, believing that for adequate tracking the chain of custody should begin with owner of the turf system. The Association promotes the proper reuse and strenuously opposes improper disposal of turf systems, as they outline in their widely shared industry guidelines. The guidelines outline best practices on proper end-of-life handling for field owners, athletic directors, government agencies, and municipal officials.

The legislation in its current posture presents several issues that would result in “orphaned” fields and numerous jurisdictional issues. Rather than instituting the chain of custody with producers, it is the position of the Association that chain of custody should start with field owners, as they are best positioned to navigate and make decisions at the end-of -life of the systems – whether that is reuse, recycling, or disposition.

The Synthetic Turf Council respectfully requests an unfavorable report on SB 321 before the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Members, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee