

**Committee: House Environment and Transportation**

**Hearing Date: March 9, 2022**

**Testimony: HB1239 Environment – Plastic & Glass Products – Post-consumer Recycled Content Program**

**Position: Support**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

As a resident of District 42/42A and a Maryland ratepayer, I write to express my strong support for HB1239. This bill would prohibit producers of plastic carryout bags, plastic beverage containers, rigid plastic containers, plastic trash bags, and glass containers and products from selling or distributing the products in Maryland unless they satisfy a minimum percentage post-consumer recycled (PCR) content requirement. The PCR content requirement targets differ across products, ranging from 10%-50%, increasing over time.

As a member of Zero Waste-CWA, Maryland League of Conservation Voters, Break Free From Plastic, and other local, national and international groups, I know that PCR legislation has been successful in Europe and in some American states, namely, New Jersey, Washington, Oregon and California. Maryland's proposed legislation benefits from their experiences.

The Maryland Recycling Act set a target of 60% waste diversion by 2020. We have not come close to meeting that goal. HB1239 would help our State meet the 60% target and establish Maryland as a regional leader in waste diversion.

I respectfully request the Committee's approval of HB1239.

Sincerely,

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