



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0217  
TASK FORCE ON RECYCLING POLICY AND RECYCLING WASTE SYSTEMS IN  
MARYLAND**

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Love

**Committee:** Environment and Transportation

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0217 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Maryland, like most other states, has a recycling problem. Our recycling system is fragmented and some locations still only offer single stream recycling, which is not effective, while others offer dual stream recycling. Regardless of what each county or municipality uses, we aren't recycling much of our waste and are sending the vast majority of it to landfills or to be incinerated.

This bill would establish the Task Force on Recycling Policy and Recycling and Waste Systems in Maryland and task them to review the Maryland Recycling Act, study the recycling and waste systems in Maryland, and make recommendations on updating the Maryland Recycling Act and implementing regional recycling and waste disposal facilities.

We need to study alternatives to what we are currently doing and come up with much, much better alternatives. We cannot make the world look like the one portrayed in the movie WALL-E, where humans have had to leave the planet because they couldn't figure out what to do with their waste.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.