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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 109 - Task Force on Recycling Policy and Recycling and Waste Systems in Maryland

Dear Chairman Barve,

The Maryland Environmental Service (MES) supports House Bill 109, which proposes to create a task force to study recycling policy and recycling and waste systems in Maryland. MES urges the committee to grant House Bill 109 a favorable report.

MES is a leader in Solid Waste Management operations providing engineering, construction, and operations of sustainable 21st Century large scale, diversified and integrated solid waste management systems. The majority of MES's solid waste management work is the operation and engineering support for large scale and sustainable recycling operations, including both traditional recycling and organics recycling as well as renewable energy projects that captures landfill methane emissions at our two Midshore landfills (Kent, Queen Anne's Caroline and Talbot Counties). In addition, MES provides contract support for many of our State's counties and municipalities.

As a named entity on this proposed task force, MES can add invaluable insight from an operational perspective on both the policy and systems discussions. We often work closely with MDE on waste issues, and we look forward to working with MDE on this project as well.

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