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January 31, 2023

Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Room 251  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 161, Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority Sunset Act

Dear Delegate Barve:

The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority (Authority) is a member-funded, multi-county agency currently serving Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery Counties, and Baltimore City. I have served as a Board Member representing Anne Arundel County since 2016.

In the case of Anne Arundel County and our Department of Public of Works, in recent years we have engaged the Authority to very successfully:

1. design, build and operate our EPA award-winning renewable electricity project developed in part with grant funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009;
2. develop and secure an operating contract for the County's Tier 1 Composting Facility in Severn, saving our residents money and ensuring we control local recycling capacity to serve our collection programs; and
3. develop a regional contract for the disposal of non-processable, non-recyclable wastes in conjunction with Howard County, Maryland.

The Authority represents another tool in our management toolbox and complements the full-time merit employees, consultants, and contractors employed by Anne Arundel County to meet our obligations under Maryland law, regulations, the framework of our approved 10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan, and our own Plan2040 General Development Plan.

I respectfully request an unfavorable report on House Bill 161 from the Environment and Transportation Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rhody R. Holthaus'.

Rhody R. Holthaus, Deputy Director  
Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works