

**Maryland-Delaware Solid Waste Association**

a chapter of the

**National  
Waste & Recycling  
Association<sup>SM</sup>**

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TO: The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair  
Members, House Environment and Transportation Committee  
The Honorable Regina T. Boyce

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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – House Bill 1086 – *Department of the Environment – Recycling Analysis and Report*

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The Maryland Delaware Solid Waste Association (MDSWA), a chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association, is a trade association representing the private solid waste industry in the State of Maryland. Its membership includes hauling and collection companies, processing and recycling facilities, transfer stations, and disposal facilities. MDSWA and its members **support with amendment** House Bill 1086.

House Bill 1086 requires the Department of the Environment (MDE) to conduct an analysis of county and municipal recycling programs in the State as well as various factors relative to extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs. As a result of the analysis, MDE is to make recommendations related to increasing recycling rates and the implementation of an EPR program by December 1, 2023.

MDSWA supports the establishment of an EPR program in the State but only following a comprehensive needs assessment. House 1086 reflects a majority of the components essential to ensure a needs assessment undertaken to inform the development of a EPR program. However, there are additional components reflected in the defined needs assessment of *House Bill 284: Environment – Reducing Packaging Materials – Producer Responsibility* that should also be included in analysis mandated in House Bill 1086. MDSWA looks forward to working with the Committee to enhance the needs assessment reflected in House Bill 1086. With its noted amendments, MDSWA requests a favorable report.