



# FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

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### **HB 284 - Environment – Reducing Packaging Materials – Producer Responsibility**

**DATE:** February 22, 2023  
**COMMITTEE:** House Environment and Transportation Committee  
**POSITION:** Support  
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Thank you for your consideration of HB 284 Environment – Reducing Packaging Materials – Producer Responsibility. As the Director in the Division of Solid Waste & Recycling in Frederick County, I urge the committee to give HB 284 a FAVORABLE report.

HB 284 seeks to hold packaging material producers accountable for the disposition of their products. This will be accomplished through the establishment of a producer responsibility plan which will be developed in consultation with the producer responsibility organization. The producer responsibility organization will make assessments of statewide recycling needs.

This statewide effort would encompass the needs of Frederick County. HB 284 would establish the ability of the advisory council to authorize local government to request reimbursement from the packaging producers that have an approved plan on file. Frederick County could see a very minor impact from administrative time spent preparing data to be considered for reimbursement.

As a result, we see only upside from the passage of HB 284.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 284. On behalf of Frederick County Government, I urge a FAVORABLE report.

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