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

Re: House Bill 1086 - Department of the Environment - Recycling Analysis and Report

Dear Chair Barve and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (Department or MDE) has reviewed House Bill 1086 and would like to provide the following information regarding this bill.

House Bill 1086 will require MDE to conduct an analysis of county and municipal recycling programs in the state and make recommendations relating to increasing recycling rates and implementing an extended producer responsibility program for consumer packaging material.

Much of the information required to be studied by the Bill is already collected and reported annually as part of the *Maryland Solid Waste Management and Diversion Report (MSWMaDR)*. Nearly all of the remaining provisions in the bill not already being reported in the MSWMaDR are being addressed by MDE under the implementation of 2021's *Recycling Market Development* law (§§ 9-1702 and 9-1702.1 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland). MDE appreciates the intent of the bill, but wanted to make the General Assembly aware that most of these provisions are already being reported.

Thank you for your consideration. We will continue to monitor HB 1086 during the Committee's deliberations, and I am available to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at 410-453-3235 or by e-mail at gabrielle.leach@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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