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HB 1086

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ASSIGNED TO: Environment and Transportation

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POSITION: Support with Amendments (Department of Environmental Protection)

Department of the Environment – Recycling Analysis and Report

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection supports House Bill 1086 with two amendments to clarify the requirements of the bill.

The bill requires the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to conduct an analysis of county and municipal recycling programs in the State, including:

- Recycling education and outreach;
- Methods of collection and processing recyclable materials; and
- Recycling infrastructure.

MDE must make recommendations relating to increasing recycling rates and implementing an extended producer responsibility program; and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Environment and Transportation Committee on or before December 1, 2023.

MDE must include in its analysis an evaluation of several elements, including the costs and benefits of implementing an extended producer responsibility program to: (1) government; (2) waste producers; (3) residents; and (4) waste management companies.

We respectfully request that the Environment and Transportation Committee give this bill a favorable report with the following clarifying amendments.

- On page 2, in line 19, Section 1(a)(2)(iv)2 references “waste producers” but does not define this term. It would be helpful to clarify that the term includes all generators of waste, including businesses, non-profit organizations, government agencies, multi-family properties, and single-family households.
- On page 2, in line 21, Section 1(a)(2)(iv)4 references “waste management companies” but does not define this term. It would be helpful to clarify that the term means trash disposal companies and recycling companies.