

February 21, 2024

Environment and Transportation Committee
Bill HB1055 – Salt Application

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Roger Rasnake, and I live at 11616 Flints Grove Lane in North Potomac MD 20878.

I favorably support bill HB1055. We must track salt usage on our highways and in our environment throughout Maryland. Salt is a pollutant and a corrosive, and its use has increased dramatically in recent years. As a Maryland Master Naturalist and a member of the board of the Muddy Branch Alliance, I am very concerned about the impact of excessive salt on the biodiversity of our streams and rivers, and we do not know what negative consequences for human health we face due to the great amounts of salt entering our drinking water. We must take immediate action to track and eventually limit its use.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Rasnake", written in a cursive style.

Roger Rasnake