



March 5, 2024

The Honorable Regina T. Boyce
6 Bladen Street
House Office Building Room 251
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO HB1446/SB1060

Dear Vice Chairman Boyce:

I write in strong opposition to HB1446 and SB1060 imposing new requirements on Maryland's freight rail network. For 71 years, Maryland Chemical Company has provided essential chemistry for government and private sector regional customers in the business of food processing, water and waste water treatment and manufacturing. Many of our products move by rail into the Baltimore Port geography.

Safety is key to all our operations and all stakeholders. The Port's competitiveness is key to our economy. The Port is one of our greatest assets and provides a path to the middle class for so many of our citizens. Safety measures and competitiveness need to be considered together.

For this reason, I ask that you oppose HB1446 and SB1060. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeanette G. Partlow

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President