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Support - HB 1147 - Environment - Playground Surfacing Materials - Prohibitions - Del. Guyton

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I respectfully request a favorable report on HB 1147 to ban materials that contain dangerous levels of lead and PFAS from being used on public playground surfaces in our state. I know how committed my colleagues in this committee have been to protecting both the public and the environment from these toxins in past and current legislative sessions. There are many available products that do not test positively for these substances and that are ADA accessible. HB 1147 requires that all new playgrounds and all significant renovations of surfacing material on a playground will require certification from the manufacturing that these products are toxin free. For these reasons, I ask that you please move HB 1147 forward so that there will be no more toxic playgrounds in the state of Maryland.

Sincerely,

Delegate Michele Guyton

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