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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

February 26, 2024

To: Environment and Transportation Committee Chair Delegate Marc Korman

Re: Support for Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Bill Maryland HB0735

Dear Del. Korman,

The City of Frederick offers support for the vision of the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction bill. Though City government operations are not likely to incur any costs to operate this program, it will benefit our residents by reducing litter, increasing recycling, and reducing the waste stream the city process through its trash collection operations.

By encouraging reuse and recycling, The City hopes this will reduce the amount of litter in our roadways and streams. The City operates Adopt-a-Road and stream cleanup programs multiple times per year to reduce the litter before it reaches our downstream neighbors.

Our only concern is our small businesses, who may not have space to store the materials or to provide the facilities for pickup, though we hope this bill will provide some creative solutions to manage that.

Overall, this is a positive step toward sustainability by improving the places we live, work, and play, including our waterways and wildlife habitats. We look forward to a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Connor