



**SB686 – Environment - Extended Producer Responsibility for Batteries and Battery-Containing Products (Battery Stewardship Act)**  
**Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment**  
**February 18, 2025**

Position: Favorable with Amendment

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee,

Clean Water Action supports SB686 to establish an extended producer responsibility program for batteries and battery-containing products.

As more and more of our electronic devices become portable, battery use has proliferated. Batteries pose unique risks when disposed of in the general waste stream – where they can cause fires, which can be particularly destructive in mixed municipal waste. Establishing a program to divert batteries from the waste stream has many co-benefits, including making trash safer and improving recovery.

For these reasons we urge a favorable report.

Best,

Emily Ranson  
Chesapeake Regional Director  
Clean Water Action  
eranson@cleanwater.org

145 W Ostend Street  
Suite 600  
Baltimore, MD 21230