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Honorable Marc Korman
Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Dear Delegate Korman and Committee Members:

I am writing to urge you **to not vote in favor of HB947**, Charges for Paper Carryout Bags – Limitation.

I have been involved in promoting environmental stewardship AND supporting the needs of low income persons in Prince George's County as former CEO of Community Forklift, a reuse center located in Edmonston, MD ("the Port Towns"). I also serve as the Chair of the Prince George's County Solid Waste Advisory Commission.

This bill, HB947 will serve to undermine the effects of the "Bring your Own Bag Bill" passed last year in Prince George's County. This bill has been critical in ending the ubiquitous use of thousands of plastic bags that have clogged our waterways, our byways and our neighborhoods. Our efforts in the county to clean up plastic waste and curtail the extensive littering that has plagued the County could potentially upend this effort.

Limiting the amount that can be charged for a paper bag will do nothing to help low income residents but jeopardize efforts to clean up much needed plastic waste.

We need to be truly committed to developing programs and services that support our communities. This frankly is merely a “feel good” effort. We can do much better than sabotage our work to get trash out of our communities.

Let's put our efforts where they will make a real difference that matters. I appreciate your NO vote on HB947.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Meyer