



**Committee:** Environment and Transportation Committee  
**Testimony on:** HB0407 - Environment - Municipal Recycling Plans - Requirement  
**Organization:** Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing  
**Submitting:** Dave Arndt, Co-Chair  
**Position:** Favorable  
**Hearing Date:** February 12, 2025

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing our testimony today in support of HB0407. The Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing, a statewide coalition of nearly 30 grassroots and professional organizations, urges you to vote favorably on HB0407.

The bill amends the current law to require that the largest jurisdiction in each county must also do what each county is already required to do; measure, plan and achieve state recycling goals.

In Maryland, our 2023 recycling rate was 43%. Every pound that we recycle creates a healthier planet for ourselves and future generations. It conserves natural resources, reduces the need for landfills and incinerators and produces less greenhouse gases.

Many counties are surpassing their state mandated recycling goals, however many of the largest cities are not even measuring their recycling rates let alone having goals and a plan to achieve them.

This is a simple bill to put these cities on a path to help forge a healthier Maryland for all of us.

For all of these reasons, we strongly support HB0407 and urge a FAVORABLE report in Committee.

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Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church Environmental Justice Ministry  
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Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Climate Parents of Prince George's  
Climate Reality Project  
ClimateXChange – Rebuild Maryland Coalition  
Coming Clean Network, Union of Concerned Scientists  
DoTheMostGood Montgomery County  
Echotopia  
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