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Dear Members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), the leading trade association representing the dietary supplement and functional food industry,¹ to convey our support for Senate Bill 926.

If enacted, Senate Bill 926 would exempt dietary supplements from packaging requirements within Maryland's "Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper Products" law. While CRN supports policies that enhance sustainability and recycling practices, this exemption would align with established regulatory frameworks and accommodate specialized containment requirements for dietary supplements.

The dietary supplement industry is important to Maryland's economy, accounting for over \$3.3 billion in total economic impact, over 5,000 direct jobs, and \$531 million in tax revenue.² Additionally, dietary supplement products are used by millions of Americans to help maintain a healthy lifestyle.

We thank you for the opportunity to convey our position and are available to answer any questions.

Most Sincerely,



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¹ The Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), founded in 1973, is a Washington, D.C.-based trade association representing 180+ dietary supplement and functional food manufacturers, ingredient suppliers, and companies providing services to those manufacturers and suppliers. In addition to complying with a host of federal and state regulations governing dietary supplements and food in the areas of manufacturing, marketing, quality control and safety, our manufacturer and supplier members also agree to adhere to additional voluntary guidelines as well as to CRN's Code of Ethics. Follow us on X @CRN_Supplements and LinkedIn.

² Economic impact study of the dietary supplement industry. Economic Impact Study of the Dietary Supplement Industry Council for Responsible Nutrition. (2024, January 23). <https://www.crnusa.org/resources/economic-impact-study-dietary-supplement-industry>