



TESTIMONY FOR HB0796
Recycling - Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Terrasa
Committee: Environment and Transportation
Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition
Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair
Position: **FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0796 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Our members believe strongly in clean energy and a clean environment. Converting plastic into fuel does nothing but destroy our environment (and ourselves) faster for very little gain.

Because the chemical conversion of plastic is so toxic, this bill, if enacted, would prohibit anyone from building a facility that converts plastic to fuel or feedstock in Maryland through:

- Pyrolysis
- Hydrolysis
- Methanolysis
- Gasification
- enzymatic breakdown
- a similar chemical conversion process, as determined by the Department or the Environment

We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.