

HB 796- FAV

Environment & Transportation Committee

Dear Environment & Transportation Committee members

I support the Chemical Recycling Ban Bill (HB 796). Marylanders do not want polluting technology such as chemical conversion processes.

HB 796 alters the definition of recycling to exclude certain chemical conversion processes, pyrolysis, hydrolysis, methanolysis, gasification, enzymatic breakdown, or similar processes as determined by the Department of the Environment. It prohibits a person from building a facility in the State that converts plastic to fuel or feedstock through a chemical conversion process.

The Chemical Recycling Ban Bill will clarify what “chemical recycling” actually is. This technology is not the answer to our plastics problems. Instead, it creates entirely new toxic waste streams, while providing negligible benefits with our mounting plastics use.

The Chemical Recycling Ban Bill (HB 796) will:

- Protect public health and the environment by preventing toxic pollution from plastic-to-fuel processes
- Clarify that “chemical recycling” is not real recycling under Maryland law
- Ban new chemical recycling facilities in Maryland
- Stop greenwashing by the plastics industry and promote real solutions to plastic waste
- Prioritize reducing plastic use and strengthening proven recycling programs

I urge a favorable report.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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