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The Honorable Marc Korman
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**Re: Support for Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program
Bill Maryland HB0331**

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and members of the Committee,

The City of Frederick offers support for the vision of the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program bill. Though City government operations are not likely to incur any costs to operate this program, it will benefit our residents by reducing litter, increasing recycling, and reducing the waste stream the city processes through its trash collection operations.

By encouraging reuse and recycling, the City hopes this will reduce the amount of litter on our roadways and in our streams and waterways. The City operates Adopt-a-Road and stream cleanup programs multiple times per year to reduce the litter before it reaches our downstream neighbors.

Concessions to allow our small businesses to either be exempted or more easily comply are also appreciated.

Overall, this is a positive step toward sustainability by improving the places we live, work, and play, including our waterways and wildlife habitats.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Connor