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House Environment and Transportation Committee  
Hon. Marc A. Korman, Chair  
250 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Opposition to House Bill 1268

Dear Chairman Korman,

I write on behalf of American Sugar Refining which employs more than 600 people at the Domino Sugar Baltimore Refinery, a cornerstone of the Port of Baltimore for over 104 years. Domino Sugar has long been an economic driver in our region, providing stable, family-sustaining jobs and contributing to the vitality of our community. Over the last few years, we have invested more than \$100 million in our facility on the Inner Harbor.

We would like to express our strong opposition to House Bill 1268. While we share a commitment to fostering a more sustainable state, protecting public health and ensuring a cleaner environment, this legislation places undue burdens on businesses like ours located in the Port of Baltimore, a place where port infrastructure supports tens of thousands of jobs across the state.

The bill's extensive burden analyses, lengthy public participation processes, greater potential for permit denials based on "cumulative impacts" and the requirement to produce information already collected by the state would create significant challenges for our business and employees.

Preparing detailed reports and following an extended review process will drive up costs. Added delays to the permitting process will also increase costs and deter investment and job creation. Timing is critical when manufacturing and maritime industries decide to expand. We are in very competitive businesses and we also compete with other ports and states.

Make no mistake, passage of this bill introduces regulatory uncertainty, undermines investment by existing businesses and deters other businesses from locating here in the future.

At Domino Sugar, we are deeply committed to environmental stewardship and continue to make significant investments in sustainability. We believe the unintended consequences of HB 1268 could outweigh any intended benefits and deserve your close attention.

We kindly ask that you and your colleagues oppose this bill. We stand ready to assist in the development of real solutions that protect our environment and people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter O'Malley".

Peter O'Malley