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TO: Members of the House Health Committee
FROM: Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors
Maryland Association of County Health Officers
RE: **SB 714 - Washington County – Mobile Food Service Facilities and Semipermanent Food Service Facilities – Toilet and Lavatory Facilities**

The Maryland Association of County Health Officers (MACHO) joins the Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors (Conference) in formally **OPPOSING** SB 714. Local Health Officers and their Environmental Health Directors execute delegated authorities from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) related to food service regulations.

Currently, the distinction between a Mobile Unit and a Semi-permanent Food Service Facility is based on operational movement and utility connections:

- **Mobile Units** routinely move for sales, resupply, filling potable water tanks, emptying wastewater tanks, cleaning, sanitation, and employee restroom use.
- **Semi-permanent Food Service Facilities** operate from a fixed location, do not move, and are connected to potable water and a sewage disposal system.

The removal of restroom requirements for these Semi-permanent Facilities, as proposed in SB 714, conflicts with the following:

- **International Plumbing Code (IPC) 2021:** The IPC 2021 explicitly requires restrooms for both employees and patrons.

Accordingly, MACHO and the Conference requests that the Committee issue an **UNFAVORABLE** report on SB 714 due to its direct conflict with the above-referenced regulations. *This communication reflects the position of MACHO and the Conference.*

If you have questions concerning this written testimony, please contact:

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