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TO: Members of the Health Committee and Members of the Finance Committee
FROM: Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors
RE: **HB 1233 and SB 714 Washington County – Mobile Food Service Facilities and Semipermanent Food Service Facilities – Toilet and Lavatory Facilities**

The Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors (Conference) formally **OPPOSES** HB 1233 and SB 714. In their capacity as the State's twenty-four Environmental Health Directors, the Conference executes delegated authorities from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH).

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 HB 1233 and SB 714, conflicts with the following:

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

Accordingly, the Conference requests that the Committee issue an **UNFAVORABLE** report on HB1233 and SB714 due to its direct conflict with the above-referenced regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this matter. If you have further questions concerning this written testimony, please contact:

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