



To: MD House Environment and Transportation Committee
Re: HB 1309 - Recycling - Special Events

The [Maryland Recycling Network](#) promotes sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling (the 3 "R's") of materials otherwise destined for disposal and the purchase of products made with recycled material content. We achieve these goals through education programs, advocacy activities to affect public policy, technical assistance efforts, and the development of markets to purchase recycled materials and manufacture products with recycled content. Our members include county and municipal as well as private sector recycling professionals from throughout the state.

We are writing to state our opposition to [HB 1309](#). While we wholeheartedly support responsible recycling practices, we are very concerned this bill creates an unfunded mandate and enforcement quagmire for Maryland counties and municipalities without generating a justifiable environmental benefit, especially given the wide variety of permitting procedures in place throughout the state. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with the sponsors of the bill to explore ways this legislation might be modified to better achieve its goal.

The Maryland Recycling Network stands ready to serve as a sounding board and resource for legislators and others interested in pursuing our mission. Please do not hesitate to contact me at phoustle@marylandrecyclingnetwork.org, 301-725-2508 or MRN, PO Box 1640, Columbia MD 21044 if you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the above.

We look forward to working with you to continue the strides we have all made to improve Maryland's recycling programs in a time-effective and cost-effective manner.

Sincerely,

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