



Date: February 28, 2018
To: Maryland House Ways and Means Committee
Maryland Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Re: HB572 Income Tax – Oyster Shell Recycling Credit and
SB153 Income Tax Credit - Oyster Shell Recycling - Sunset Extension

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.

We are writing to share our support for HB572 Income Tax – Oyster Shell Recycling Credit and SB153 Income Tax Credit - Oyster Shell Recycling - Sunset Extension. Like all Marylanders, we appreciate the value oysters bring to our economy and welcome the continuation of a successful program that minimizes the environmental impact of their consumption.

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 or our Executive Director, Peter Houstle 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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