



Date: February 28, 2018

To: Maryland Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Re: SB844 Newsprint Recycling Board - Repeal and Transfer of Authority

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 SB844 Newsprint Recycling Board - Repeal and Transfer of Authority. This legislation acknowledges the significant decrease in the use of newsprint by the media and appropriately shifts responsibility for its recycling to the Maryland Department of the Environment.

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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