



February 21, 2020

**To: Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee
Re: HB 1452 Department of the Environment – Office of Recycling – Recycling Market Development**

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.

The Maryland Recycling Network fully supports HB 1452, Department of the Environment – Office of Recycling – Recycling Market Development with the amendments as needed to ensure the report specified in 9-1702.1 (B) include timely data (i.e. current year) and that said report produces substantive, concrete action in the following year.

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 via email phoustle@marylandrecyclingnetwork.org, phone 301-725-2508 or mail - 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- and cost-effective manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Peter M. Houstle'.

Peter M. Houstle
Executive Director