



January 26, 2021

**To: Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee
Re: HB 164 Department of the Environment – Office of Recycling – Recycling Market Development**

**To: Maryland Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
Re: SB 116 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 supports HB 164 and SB 116, Department of the Environment – Office of Recycling – Recycling Market Development.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Peter M. Houstle
Executive Director