



January 26, 2021

**To: Maryland House Health and Government Operations Committee and Maryland Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**

**Re: HB 248 Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Rights and Restrictions - Composting**

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 HB 248 Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Rights and Restrictions - Composting. We would request, however, that the bill be amended to provide that the composting and hiring of a compost service as discussed in B1 and B2 can only be done if in accordance with local law.

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](mailto: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 name being the most prominent.

Peter M. Houstle  
Executive Director