



January 26, 2021

To: Maryland House Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters Committees
Re: HB 314 & SB 223 Plastic Bag Reduction Act

To: Maryland Senate Finance Committee
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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 314 & SB 223 Plastic Bag Reduction Act. This bill has the potential to improve operations for the state's material recovery facilities as well as the quality of end-product generated by those facilities.

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 name being the most prominent.

Peter M. Houstle
Executive Director