

2 February 2021

Honorable Members of the Senate and House,

Please see notes below: these are bills that I am IN FAVOR of you supporting (with a modification to HB 298).

FAVORABLE to SB 65 (as introduced in 2020 as SB 168/HB 98) to remove black liquor from receiving Maryland ratepayer subsidies.

FAVORABLE to HB 332 to remove trash from receiving Maryland ratepayer subsidies.

FAVORABLE to HB 280 to remove incineration ash from being counted as recycling.

FAVORABLE to HB 264 (Organics Recycling) to require large producers of food waste (those that produce over 2 tons per week), AND that are within 30 miles of a compost facility to compost or otherwise divert their food waste from the waste stream.

FAVORABLE to HB 84 (Right to Repair) to give Marylanders the right and option to repair their belongings in order to extend their use, reducing the waste that is landfilled or burned, or generated from buying new.

UNFAVORABLE to HB 298 because of the loophole for incinerators (power plants that they are) and other dirty-fueled facilities that are not under the jurisdiction of the PSC and therefore, would avoid climate change review if procured by the state agency (the NMWDA) that is exempt from PSC review. (Please see Md. NATURAL RESOURCES Code Ann. § 3-919(b)).

FAVORABLE TO 2019's HB 502 to provide information about diverting mattresses and box springs into recycling programs that create jobs.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
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Zero-Waste = RETHINK what you discard: refuse, reduce, reuse....then recycle, rot (compost).....and redesign.