



**HoCoClimateAction.org**  
Howard County, Maryland

**Testimony in SUPPORT of – HB0135, *Environment – Single–Use Plastics – Restrictions***

**Hearing Date: Feb 2, 2022**

**Bill Sponsor: Delegate Love**

**Committee: Economic Matters**

**Submitting: Howard County Climate Action**

**Position: Favorable with Amendments**

[HoCo Climate Action](#) -- a [350.org](#) local chapter and a grassroots organization representing more than 1,450 subscribers, and a member of the Howard County Climate Collaboration -- supports Single–Use Plastics – Restrictions with amendments.

HoCo Climate Action worked with several organizations in Howard County in advocating for Howard County bill CB13-2021 - reducing the use of single-use plastics, which went into effect January 1, 2022. However, we believe HB135 should be made stronger with the following changes:

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Food and beverage products should be made available upon request only, and not have the option of a food service business offering the product to customers. Both Howard County and DC forbid food service businesses from offering these products under most circumstances.

The restrictions in HB135 should apply to drive-through windows. The DC bill applies their single-use plastic restrictions to drive-throughs. It suffices for the menu sign to indicate that single-use plastics will be available by request only.

The restrictions in HB135 should apply to third-party food ordering platforms, meaning any website, mobile application, or other internet service that offers or arranges for the sale of food and beverages from food service entities. Washington, DC imposes this restriction.

We encourage a FAVORABLE report for this essential legislation.

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