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**Testimony on HB 161**

***Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority* Position: Favorable**

Dave Arndt of Baltimore MD supports HB 161

Hello,

I live in Baltimore where we have a trash issue

Unfortunately, Baltimore is paying hundreds of thousands of dollars a year on the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority without getting real solutions or our money's worth.

We need to do our fiscal responsibility on this organization to see if it makes sense to keep it around. There seems to be out organizations where the City of Baltimore can get advice and help implementing a zero-waste strategy that we need.

This proposed legislation would require that the Department of Legislative Services to evaluate the Authority providing enough detail for the General Assembly to determine whether the Authority should continue in its current form; requiring the Maryland Environmental Service and the Maryland Clean Energy Center to review certain aspects of the Authority and analyze whether the Environmental Service or the Clean Energy Center could assume those aspects.

I encourage a FAVORABLE report for this important legislation.

Thank you,

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