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Delegate Kumar Barve, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
251 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Letter of Opposition on HB161 – Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority –
Evaluation and Termination of Bond Authority

Dear Delegate Barve and Committee Members,

Harford County Government opposes House Bill 161. The proposed legislation would strip the Authority of its ability to issue bonds, require the Department of Legislative Services to evaluate and recommend whether the Authority should remain in existence, and require Maryland Environmental Service and the Maryland Clean Energy Center to determine how to divvy up the spoils left from dissolution of the Authority. Harford County has worked very well with both the Authority and with MES for the benefit of our citizens and recommend that both the Authority and MES continue to employ their unique capabilities in tandem to serve our needs.

The Authority provides services that other quasi-state agencies do not. The Authority enables member counties with access to specialized engineering and infrastructure services at a reasonable cost consistent with our County goals and objectives. The Authority also provides a voice for our County and acts in the interests of its members. HB 161 would significantly reduce the ability of member to receive legislative updates and advocate effectively on key legislative issues. MES cannot serve that role as its policy is to remain impartial.

For these reasons, Harford County respectfully requests that the Committee report unfavorably on HB 161.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Robert G. Cassilly

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