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SUPPORT – HB1147 – Environment – Playground Surfacing Materials – Prohibitions

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

I respectfully request a favorable report on HB1147 to ban installation of materials that contain dangerous levels of lead and PFAS from being used on public playground surfaces in our state. I applaud the commitment this committee has shown to protecting both the public and the environment from these toxins in past legislative sessions. I am confident that you are aware of the detrimental effects of these substances. HB1147 requires that all new playgrounds and all significant renovations of surfacing material on a playground will require certification from the manufacturer that these products are toxin free and that there was no intentional addition of PFAS in the manufacturing process of these substances. This is consistent with past legislation from this committee and the General Assembly. All the stakeholders are in agreement on the House Committee and sponsor amendments. For these reasons, I ask that you please move HB1047 forward so that there will be no more toxic playgrounds in the state of Maryland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delegate Michele Guyton".

Delegate Michele Guyton