



31 January 2023

Environment and Transportation Committee
Delegate Kumar P. Barve
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 91 – Environment - Recycling - Hotels – Oppose as Written

Dear Delegate Barve:

While our committee supports the spirit of the bill, we disagree with its punitive approach for facilitating the implementation of recycling practices at hotels. We take particular issue with this bill's action in subjecting violators to "a civil penalty not exceeding \$150 for each day on which the violation exists." We believe that penalization will not be useful for establishing recycling practices in a manner sustainable to the success of the hotel.

We will be attentive to future bills that encourage recycling with an incentive-based approach.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of nearly 700 members, opposes this bill. We therefore request that you give this bill an unfavorable report

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate April Rose
Senator Justin Ready