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Senate Education, Health and Environment Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support Senate Bill 514, "Permits to Construct or Materially Alter an Incinerator"

Dear Chairman Conway and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is pleased to join with other conservation groups in urging your support of Senate Bill 514, "Permits to Construct or Materially Alter an Incinerator."

SB 514 prohibits the construction or expansion of incinerators within three miles of a residence, religious place of worship, park, school, hospital, nursing home or tributary of the Bay.

Incinerators as "waste-to-energy" facilities are the highest producers of carbon dioxide per megawatt-hour. These facilities have significant environmental, health, and financial impacts on Maryland. This law will protect our communities and ensure that incinerators are built in the appropriate industrial locations.

We wish to thank Senator Lenett for his leadership, the committee for its consideration, and respectfully request a favorable report.

Cindy Schwartz
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For more than 30 years, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters has been the independent political voice for the environment in our state. Maryland LCV is dedicated to making environmental protection and restoration a top priority for Maryland's elected officials, appointed leaders, candidates and voters. The Maryland League of Conservation Voters advocates for sound conservation policies, works to get pro-environment candidates elected, and holds elected officials accountable for their votes and actions.

