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House Environmental Matters Committee  
251 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Support House Bill 179, “Environment - Recycling - Apartment Buildings and Condominiums”**

Dear Chairman McIntosh and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is pleased to join with other conservation groups in urging your support of House Bill 179, “Environment - Recycling - Apartment Buildings and Condominiums.”

HB 179 will require owners or managers of apartment buildings or condominiums that contain ten or more units to provide recycling for residents.

Combined with the successes of Maryland’s recycling program, the current 41.1% recycling rate in the state can only be improved by HB 179. Additionally, the Maryland Climate Commission determined that increasing recycling is among the most cost efficient ways to reduce Maryland’s global warming pollution.

Sincerely,

Cindy Schwartz  
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