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House Environmental Matters Committee
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Oppose House Bill 1189, "Environment - Phosphorus -
Dishwashing Detergent"**

Dear Chairman McIntosh and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters joins with other conservation groups in urging your opposition to House Bill 1189, "Environment - Phosphorus - Dishwashing Detergent."

HB 1189 delays the implementation date of the phosphorus ban passed last year. A delay of just six months equals an additional 7.5 tons of phosphorus entering our waters.

The ban passed last year makes major strides in reducing the amount of phosphorous in fertilizer runoff from farms. Phosphorous is one of the major pollutants in the Chesapeake Bay.

Please oppose House Bill 1189.

Sincerely,

Cindy Schwartz
Executive Director

For more than 25 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.

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