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House Environmental Matters Committee
Room 250, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support House Bill 835, "Mercury Switch Removal from Vehicles"

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 835, "Mercury Switch Removal from Vehicles."

HB 835 would require the removal and recycling of vehicle switches that contain mercury, reducing a sizable source of mercury in Maryland's air and water. In addition, this bill will increase the likelihood that the mercury from the switches will be dealt with properly and not end up in landfills and incinerators. Mercury is a toxic pollutant that bioaccumulates (increases in concentration) in the tissues of wildlife and fish, and people who consume mercury-contaminated food.

Please help Maryland be a leader on the removal of mercury from our air and water by supporting HB 835.

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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