



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 25, 2023

Dear Baltimore County Councilmembers,

We appreciate everyone participating in the call with the EPA, Maryland Department of the Environment, Clean Harbors, and many federal, state, and local elected officials on Saturday, March 25. This call has left us with only more questions and concerns regarding water treatment and eventual discharge from the toxic waste situation in East Palestine, Ohio, from the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant.

As Delegates that represent the areas that have been and still are regularly affected by the failures of this plant, we do not believe that the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant is the appropriate facility to handle this kind of material.

We have heard about Councilman Marks and Councilman Crandell's efforts to have an emergency vote this weekend to express disapproval of Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant accepting this contaminated water through our sanitary sewer system network. We strongly urge you to pass this resolution to affirm the county's position that Baltimore County and the Back River are not the appropriate places to treat or discharge this wastewater. For generations, our communities in eastern Baltimore County have had to bear the first-hand consequences of this failing facility. We, as Baltimore County elected officials, must stop this practice.

We respectfully encourage you to pass an emergency resolution expressing the Council's disapproval of Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant being a facility treating toxic wastewater from the East Palestine, Ohio disaster.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Robin Grammer
District 6

Handwritten signature of Ryan Nawrocki in black ink.

Delegate Ryan Nawrocki
District 7

Handwritten signature of Kathy Szeliga in blue ink.

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