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Mr. Rich Bowen  
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**Subj: GCC POSITION ON RECYCLE CONTAINER SIZES**

Dear Mr. Bowen,

The GCC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of community associations whose primary goal is to be a unified voice on crucial issues. As the result of focused discussion and review by numerous individuals in the greater Crofton-Gambrills area, the GCC's official position is that Anne Arundel County's Department of Waste Management Services should again provide the small size recycling container as an option to residents.

Some of your constituents have a problem using the new large container due to its size and weight when filled. In addition, some condominium, townhouse, and apartment association regulations do not allow outside storage of such containers, and inside space is at a premium. The GCC understands there is a "Container of Choice" program, where any container can be used to recycle, so long as the container is marked with an "X." However, as an organization representing many sizes of taxpaying households, the GCC feels both sizes of County-provided recycle containers should be provided in an identifiable, consistent color to encourage community recycling by households of all sizes and means. The smaller bins are primarily needed for smaller households, conceivably of more modest means, but also an aging population may necessitate easier-to-manage containers.

The GCC supports Anne Arundel County's efforts to promote recycling, but encourages the County to purchase and offer both sizes of identifiable recycle containers with tax dollars so all households have a choice of sizes to fit their needs and encourage community recycling. The County should not encourage the use of recycled recycling containers, of questionable sanitation.

Citizens find the smaller 'official' yellow recycling containers more convenient and make them feel like they are contributing to Anne Arundel County's recycling goal. Plus, it let's their neighbors visually know they are participating in helping to make Anne Arundel County and their neighborhood a better place to live.

Sincerely,

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