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Dear Business Owner:

The Maryland Recycling Act (MRA) requires Allegany County to divert at least 20% of its solid waste to recycling programs. All counties are required to report their recycling totals to the Maryland Department of the Environment for review and approval.

Thanks to all of the businesses that reported; Allegany County's recycling rate for 2020 was 39%. Please report any recycling and secondary uses to help Allegany County achieve or exceed last year's rate.

It is very important that we are aware of any materials your company may have diverted from the landfill by **recycling or through secondary use** at your facility or taken to a recycler in 2022. Please complete the enclosed form to the best of your ability.

If you do not know the total weight in tons, a rate and volume is accepted to estimate recycling totals for the year. Here are some examples:

➤ 1 bale of cardboard per week, 4 pallets a month, or 4 55-gallon drums per year.

Alternatively, you may request to download a fillable PDF that can be provided through email. Please return by mail, fax, or email to [recycling@alleganygov.org](mailto:recycling@alleganygov.org) with the *subject line MRA 2021* to the recycling office by **March 31, 2023**.

Thank you very much for your time and participation. If you have any questions about the form or how to start or increase your recycling in Allegany County, please contact me.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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