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To: Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chairman Honorable Dana Stein, Vice Chairman Honorable Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee

Re: House Bill 1131 Limited Fishing Guide License – Propulsion of Boats and Vessels

CCA Maryland Position: Support

Last year, this committee heard and passed a change to the Limited Fishing Guide License to allow fishing guides who used kayaks and paddleboards to help their clients find fish in smaller creeks and rivers to have the same license privileges as other guides in boats.

This bill is a housekeeping change to simplify the language to human power so that certain kayaks that do not use oars or paddles (flippers) for propulsion can still operate under the same regulations.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable vote on HB 1131

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