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Written Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 353

Chairman and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee, I am here to introduce and voice my support for Senate Bill 353 – *Confined Aquatic Disposal Task Force*.

Senate Bill 353 would establish the Confined Aquatic Disposal Task Force utilizing the Maryland Port Administration's Bay Enhancement Working Group to study and review the overall concept, viability, and available options associated with confined aquatic disposal programs to meet the long-term dredged material placement needs of the State and the financial, economic, and environmental impacts of confined aquatic disposal. It would require the Task Force to submit a report of findings and recommendations on or before July 1, 2025 to the General Assembly and the Governor.