

Senate Bill 353 – SUPPORT

Senate Bill 353 – Environment - CAD Task Force House Committee on Environment and Transportation March 25, 2024

I'm Lisa Wilson, a resident of Lombardee Beach, a waterfront community in Northern Anne Arundel County. There is already excessive damage done to my and so many others' property and this is going to do that and more. Knowing the history of extensive sand and rock harvesting from Nabbs Creek. It's disheartening, to say the least, to learn of their intention to resume such activities in open tidal waters, AND storing the accumulating toxic waste dredged from the harbor and storing it in the water seabed.

As a strong single mom I've fought my land falling in the water, due to over dredging of our creek. I've raised my boys on the water, fishing, tubing, surfing and teaching them the importance of cherishing the very areas where they are proposing to place the CAD. Whether I agree with it or not (and no I do not) the thought of not at the very least approving a 3 person committee is unfathomable to me.

The thought of up to 166 football fields' worth of contamination being stored in the waters we strive to keep clean and safe is incredibly distressing.

I strongly believe that Senate Bill 353 should progress into legislation. At the very minimum, there must be transparency regarding the Maryland Port Authority's plan and how they could contemplate utilizing an area that hasn't undergone thorough testing. The prior testing took place within a three-walled berth, within industrial waters, and failed to consider the effects of tides and waves in the open waters, which are commonplace in our area on a daily basis.

The Maryland Port Authority (MPA) has failed to be forthcoming or transparent about their intentions. The potential impact on marine life is just one of many concerns stemming from this poorly conceived plan.

It is important that the task force proposed in Senate Bill 353 is moved into legislation. It's important the task force has independent science experts, impacted citizens, and watermen in its membership. It's also important that the task force has meaningful bidirectional interactions with impacted communities in North Anne Arundel County and with our legislative representatives.

Sincerely,

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