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My name is Teresa Hechmer Anzalone. My family has been associated with the Rock Creek, Pasadena and Baltimore area since the late 1800's. My Grandfather, father and myself spent much of our childhood boating, swimming and crabbing on Rock Creek and the area around the White Rocks and Stony Creek. While I currently live on the Magothy I still sail, fish and crab the waters of Rock Creek as my family continues to reside in our family cottage at the Patapsco Club located on Rock Creek just across from Oak Harbor Marina.

I am in favor of establishing a task force to consider whether using confined aquatic disposal is a good idea for managing materials in Maryland's waters. We need to look at these issues carefully. This is a matter we cannot afford to get wrong. The pollution of the Chesapeake directly affects our daily lives. Already, the Maryland Department of the Environment has issued advisories warning citizens not to consume certain fish in our waters. There are times when we are advised not to swim in our waters. Where will this stop? Shouldn't we be doing everything in our powers to keep the Chesapeake safe for recreation and wildlife and for our children and grandchildren to enjoy?

The reason I moved to Maryland after I retired is because I wanted to enjoy the Chesapeake Bay. I suspect that is why many people live here. If the Chesapeake becomes more polluted it could endanger the health of ourselves, our families, and wildlife. At that point who would want to continue to live here? Let's have a closer look at this matter while there's still time. We owe it to ourselves and the State of Maryland.

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