



Good Afternoon Honorable Delegates,

**HB1238 - Favorable**

I am Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney testifying on behalf of the residents and Town Council of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland to express our support for HB1238.

Chesapeake Beach boasts of the largest Charter Boat Fleet on the Chesapeake Bay. Striped bass fishing is an economic driver for the Town. Hundreds of thousands of Marylanders visit our Town Center annually (for fishing, restaurants, gaming, Water Park). Chesapeake Beach needs a healthy, vibrant Charter Boat Fleet business to thrive and continue to offer recreational activities to all Marylanders. The goals of HB1238 work to ensure the health of the Chesapeake Bay Charter Fleet industry for many decades to come.

For these reasons we support HB1238 and encourage you to support it as well.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Mahoney

Mayor, Chesapeake Beach