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The Honorable Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee 3 East Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB0032 – Economic Development - Maryland Watermen's Microloan Program - Eligibility

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and Committee Members:

The Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County writes to **SUPPORT SB0032** and ask the Committee for a **FAVORABLE REPORT.** We see that this thoughtful proposal seeks to expand eligibility to include small watermen licensed by PRFC, "beginner watermen" and seafood processing businesses, and support these concepts.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, extension 2201, or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, extension 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Senator Michael Jackson The Honorable Senator Jack Bailey