



March 26, 2025

The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair
House Environment & Transportation Committee
251 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: Senate Bill 1028 – Natural Resources – Vessels – Carbon Monoxide Warning Labels
(Matthew’s Law)
Testimony in Support with Amendments**

Dear Chair Korman:

On behalf of the Marine Trades Association of Maryland (MTAM), I am writing in Support, with Amendments, of Senate Bill 1028 which would prohibit a person from operating a motorized vessel manufactured after July 31, 2007, that has a cabin or other closed living space, on State waters unless the vessel has carbon monoxide warning labels affixed in specific locations.

The American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) is a nonprofit organization which sets standards for the safe construction and maintenance of boats in the United States. The July 2006 publication of ABYC H-41 contained requirements for industry carbon monoxide warning labels. The compliance date was for all boats built after August 1, 2007.

MTAM would respectfully request an amendment to apply the provisions of the bill to GASOLINE POWERED VESSELS MANUFACTURED AFTER AUGUST 1, 2007.

The Marine Trades Association of Maryland is a 501(c)(6) organization representing the recreational boating industry in Maryland. The recreational boating industry has a \$4.2 billion economic impact in Maryland representing 16,871 jobs. With 3,190 miles of shoreline, our waterways and watersports are a big part of who we are and why people choose Maryland as their home.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Stefancik
Executive Director

cc: Members, House Environment & Transportation Committee