

Testimony in support of SB168

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“As a resident, recreationalist, and environmental steward of the Patapsco River, I cannot fathom, in this era of bay restoration, how mining and destroying the bottom of our river is a good idea.”

To Chair Koman, V/C Boyce, and the Environment and Transportation Committee. You have heard from me before on the concerns our community has about Confined Aquatic Disposal. I have testified in person to your committee in 2024, and recently in 2025 in support of SB168.

The quote above is directly from my recent SB168 testimony. I do not think there is much else to say!

I urge you to vote favorably in moving SB168 out of committee.

Like David vs. Goliath, our community has been playing devils advocate to the Maryland Port Administration for the past year. We have attended their meetings, challenged their processes, and asked hard questions. At times we have been silenced, and at times it smacks of an overwhelming stacked deck against us. But the MPA knows we are watching and challenging their findings.

From what our community has observed, there are MANY areas that need further study. That should be evident by the scoring in the CAD Subcommittee's matrix. A four-year moratorium is needed to come to the needed conclusions.

Thank you for considering a favorable vote for SB168.

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