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**Senate Bill 168 – STRONGLY SUPPORT**

**Senate Bill 168 – Environment  
Crossover to House Committee on Environment and Transportation  
"Confined Aquatic Disposal Cells - Construction Moratorium"**

My name is Susan Greene. My husband, Dan and I live in the waterfront community of Nabbs and Stoney Creek in Northern Anne Arundel County. We moved to Maryland from New Hampshire three years ago and have grown to love the natural beauty, the abundant seafood, and the joy of living in the Stoney Creek area. I am the mother of three adult children and a grandmother. I believe that one of the most important things that we can do for our children and grandchildren is to leave them a beautiful, healthy environment.

This written testimony is given in support of SB 168 which would lead to a 4-year moratorium on the creation of Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) cells in the Maryland. This moratorium would allow the Maryland Port Administration to conduct the necessary research and to create mitigation plans to address the risks of creating CAD cells. The moratorium would also allow more time for citizen, legislator, scientific, and community engagement before CAD would begin to be deployed in the Patapsco River in June, 2029.

We need to get detailed answers about the impact of the CAD project on

- water quality in the Patapsco River (and in particular, Stoney Creek and Rock Creek for the proposed 20-acre CAD site) of scraping the clean sand off the site, dumping the dredge material, and leaving the CAD site uncovered
- aquatic plant life that will be devastated by the dredge sediment deposited on the CAD site and the sediment that then drifts throughout the mouth of the Patapsco River, Stoney Creek, Nabbs Creek, Rock Creek and nearby areas of the Chesapeake Bay
- marine wildlife (fish, crabs, oysters and other species) living in and around the CAD dump site as well as the recreational and commercial fishing in the area.
- the birds, other creatures, and people that feed on the aquatic plant life and marine wildlife that are impacted by the dredge dumping
- recreational use and potential health problems due to contact (swimming, boating, water sports, etc.) with contaminated water
- noise and disruption to the Patapsco River and Stoney Creek areas related to the dredge disposal operation

We STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 168 and ask the Committee to give it a favorable report and move it to the House floor for a vote.

Sincerely,  
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