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*Environmental Protection and Restoration  
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## **Senate Bill 250**

### **Department of the Environment - Fees, Penalties, Funding, and Regulation**

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To: Environment & Transportation Committee

Position: **FAVORABLE**

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 250, which authorizes the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to alter various fees for programs and services provided by the Department. As the State begins to weather a period of fiscal uncertainty, it is increasingly important that MDE's fees are evaluated in a way that is both environmentally and fiscally sustainable.

The complete package of fees included in SB 250 is carefully curated and share a common theme of putting the burden of increased program costs on the users of the programs. This is a responsible approach that encourages greater compliance with State laws and regulations.

**CBF urges the Committee's FAVORABLE report on SB 250.**

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