

Senate Bill 168 – SUPPORT

**Senate Bill 168 – Environment
Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment
“Environmental Justice in Confined Aquatic Disposal Act”**

My name is Kelly Hunt. I live in the community of Riviera Beach, Pasadena in Northern Anne Arundel County.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the impacts of confined aquatic disposal (CAD).

As a boater, crabber, fisher, swimmer, kayaker and viewer of all the local waterways for 56 years, I am concerned about the potential ecological and environmental impacts to our waterways and communities.

It is crucial to ensure that these disposal methods do not disproportionately affect vulnerable communities or compromise water quality and marine ecosystems

It is important that environmental justice is supported in pollution-overburdened communities near the Patapsco River and that the river, its waterways, and communities near these waterways are not subjected to further pollution risks posed by Confined Aquatic Disposal of dredge material. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 168 which will address longstanding environmental injustices on the Patapsco and protect pollution-impacted communities and waterways from further pollution caused by Confined Aquatic Disposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hunt

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