

**Testimony in Support/Opposition of SB371**  
**Water Pollution Control - Discharge Permits - Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations**  
**Senate Energy, Education and Environment Committee Hearing 2/10/2026 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Submitted on 2/6/2026 by 3:00pm**

To Chair Feldman and Committee Members,

**My name is Christa Peters-Lidard, Ph.D. I live in Grasonville, on Greenwood Creek within the Prospect Bay/Eastern Bay watershed, and I urge an unfavorable report on SB371.**

This Bill will repeal a requirement that a person hold a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) general discharge permit before the person may begin construction on any part of a new CAFO.

I oppose this bill because it weakens environmental oversight on the construction of animal feeding operations, and because the safety of my well water depends on avoiding contamination from animal waste. Further, I treasure my ability to fish, swim, crab, and harvest oysters in my watershed.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look to this committee to give **SB371** an **unfavorable** report.

Sincerely,  
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