

**Written Comment from Courtney Leigh – Shore Rivers
In-Favor of SB-28 / HB-13**

My family and I have had the precious opportunity to sail the waters of the Atlantic Coast from Newport, Rhode Island to Annapolis Maryland. This yearly voyage offers us a 10-12 day observation of the mighty ocean and the surprises that surface from below the deep. Sadly however, as we scan the surface for dolphins, whales, ocean sunfish, turtles and other megafauna, we regularly sight mylar balloons floating at least one every hour...sometimes more frequently. Not only is this a depressing sight, as we hoped to find a treasure from the sea. It is a steady reminder of the constant pressure these forms of pollution have on our ocean life. We travel with a long handled net to scoop up these hazards before they are entangled or ingested by the sea life."

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