Maryland Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee Senator Paul G. Pinsky, *Chair* Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West 11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401 February 25, 2020

Re: Support – SB711 Aquaculture – Water Column Leases – Conflict Resolution

Dear Chairman Pinsky & Members of the committee:

My name is John "Willy " Dean and I am the President of the Watermen's Association of St Mary's County.

I am writing to share my strong support for Senate Bill 711–Aquaculture – Water Column Leases – Conflict Resolution. If enacted as written, this legislation would positively impact many members in my county who would otherwise be effected by water column leases without their chance for input, conflict resolution or potential recourse.

I request a favorable response on Senate Bill 711. Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts and concerns as well as your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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