Maryland Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West 11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 2 401 Conflict Resolution

February 24, 2020

RE: Support SB711 Aquaculture Water Column Leases

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support Senate Bill 711. Currently water-front property owners are not notified of an application for a water column lease until AFTER the lease has been approved. At that point the only challenge to a lease is through the Courts; a costly and time consuming process.

Respectfully

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