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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB 948 – NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMERCIAL OYSTER AUTHORIZATIONS – REQUIREMENTS**

Dear Senator Pinsky:

On behalf of the Talbot County Council, I am writing in opposition of SB 948 – NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMERCIAL OYSTER AUTHORIZATIONS – REQUIREMENTS which removes the authorization to harvest oysters from the list of activities authorized under an unlimited tidal fish license; requires the Department of Natural Resources to, by regulation, modify the total number of certain commercial oyster authorizations based on certain factors; for the license year beginning on September 1, 2020, requires the Department to issue a certain commercial oyster authorization only to a licensee who meets certain requirements.

The Talbot County Council reviewed the merits of SB 948 during its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 and unanimously voted in favor of sending a letter of opposition.

Sincerely,  
COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY

Corey W. Pack  
President

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Cc: The Honorable Adelaide Eckardt  
The Honorable John Mautz, IV  
The Honorable Christopher Adams

