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HB 504 Maryland Boat Act-Abandoned and Sunken Vessels

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Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and Distinguished Members of
Environment and Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. I am
Delegate Ric Metzgar from Legislative District 6 in Baltimore
County.

This bill for the purpose of altering the definition of “abandoned
or sunken vessel” for purpose of certain provisions of the
Maryland Boat Act to include a vessel that has remained moored
or anchored in waters of the State for more than 30 days and is
in such a condition of disrepair that the vessel will not keep
afloat with ordinary care; and generally relating to abandoned
and sunken vessels on public property, including marinas,
docks, or boatyards; for more than 90 days without the consent
of the property owner to include private marina or boatyard; for
more than 30 days without the consent of the property owner to
include a private dock or at or near water’s edge on private
property. These abandoned or sunken vessels pose an
environmental, safety hazard, and eyesore to the community. I
respectfully request a favorable report on HB 504. Thank you
for your time and consideration.