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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
250 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Dana Stein
Vice Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
250 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Information – House Bill 696 – State Boat Act – Abandoned or Sunken Vessels – Vessels Remaining on Private Property

Dear Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources offers the following information on House Bill 696.

The bill shortens time frames for how long a vessel is abandoned on private property before it can be removed. The department would see little impact from this bill. There may be a slight increase in removing vessels initially, but that would likely taper off over time.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources respectfully submits to the Committee information on House Bill 696.

Respectfully submitted,
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Director, Legislative and Constituent Services