

To: House Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Mayor Patrick J Mahoney, Chesapeake Beach

Subject: Support HB 1533 (Marine Contractor License - Performance of Services Without a License – Authorization)

The Town of Chesapeake Beach supports HB 1533 (Marine Contractor License - Performance of Services Without a License – Authorization).

We recognize the savings and services to our citizenry the Town could provide if our trained Public Works staff were able to perform marine contracting work, within the scope of work of their employment, without the requirement of obtaining a marine contractor's license.

HB1533 would allow, a Town like Chesapeake Beach, to have further options in the maintenance of our dredge containment facility and channels that continually fill with silt within Fishing Creek. HB 1533 would make it more feasible to consider purchasing the equipment needed to maintain these areas with Town staff rather than contracting the work to a licensed marine contractor.

Please consider giving this bill a favorable review.

Sincerely,

Mayor Patrick J. Mahoney

Chesapeake Beach, MD