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

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

Re: Letter of Support – Senate Bill 1025 - Task Force on Reciprocity of Fishing License Penalties

Dear Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Nature Resources offers its support for Senate Bill 1025 and respectfully requests a favorable committee report.

The department is currently working with the Potomac River Fisheries Commission and the State of Virginia to take action to prohibit a person from participating in a fishery under the Commission's jurisdiction if the person's license has been suspended or revoked in Maryland. The passage of this legislation specifically triggers provisions in the Potomac River Compact for a comprehensive and official review of the issue by all involved parties. Any recommended compact language coming from the task force under Senate Bill 1025 would be considered next year by both the General Assemblies of Maryland and Virginia.

For these reasons, the department respectfully asks for a favorable committee report Senate Bill 1025.

Respectfully submitted,
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