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

RE: SB 799 Cecil County – Fishing – Restrictions
Letter of Support

Dear Senator Pinsky and members of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee:

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County unanimously support SB 799 Cecil County – Fishing- Restrictions, which was scheduled for hearing on February 10, 2021. We apologize for our delay in sending our letter of support.

It is our understanding of this legislation will removed Cecil County from the restrictions regarding the rights of refusal to set commercial fishing nets in front of property of the riparian owner.

Cecil County has many rivers and streams that are currently restricted from commercial fishing because of this law. We would prefer to leave permission to set commercial fishing nets to the property owners, which is the same as Baltimore, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Talbot counties. This bill also removes obsolete language specific to Elk River, Sassafras River, North East River, and Bohemia River.

The County Executive and Cecil County Council respectfully request that the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee to consider a favorable report on SB 799.

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