

Written Testimony for Senate Bill 854  
Graywater Systems – Public and Private Buildings – Authorization  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
February 24, 2022

Position: **FAVORABLE**

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you today in support of **Senate Bill 854 - Graywater Systems – Public and Private Buildings – Authorization.**

This bill will allow a Maryland Landmark Restaurant to continue to do business in an ever changing economic climate. The current holding tank system at Bull Lips Dock Bar has been in place for a number of years and has functioned flawlessly.

**Key Points**

1. This system is allowed in Government operated facilities but not available to the private sector
2. This system will allow for essential revenue to be earned that is needed to offset ever rising operational cost at the location which would ultimately be closed without it
3. Fresh, potable water is transported to the facility from a licensed, foodservice facility
4. Water is used for handwashing and light barware cleaning
5. Greywater is pumped to, and collected in, plastic holding tanks
6. A licensed, Septic/wastewater service is paid weekly to remove the Greywater from the holding tanks and disposed of in an approved manner. We feel this is a safer and more environmentally friendly method than traditional septic systems.
7. The Greywater is disposed of at a municipal wastewater treatment facility and appropriate fees are paid at that time

Thank you for your consideration and I urge a favorable report of SB854.

Best regards,

John Scheckells  
The Red Roost Restaurant and Bull Lips Dock Bar