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**TESTIMONY OFFERED ON BEHALF OF
THE OCEAN CITY HOTEL-MOTEL-RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION
Support of HB882 - Natural Resources – Pocomoke River Wildland – Alteration of Boundaries**

Dear Honorable Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair, Honorable Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Education, Health & Environment Committee,

On behalf of the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, I am writing in support of the HB882 for the Pocomoke River Wildlands alteration of boundaries. This Recreational Trail located in Worcester County would be an additional product to market to guests to Ocean City and the surrounding region, offering a unique experience each visit either by hiking, biking, or walking.

Our county's economic driver is tourism and as such, we fully support the expansion of this trail. Visitors are looking for experiences that will allow them to explore nature while being socially distanced. While the notion of "social distancing" originated to fight the spread of covid, it has clearly become a mainstay and will be something the public craves in the future.

We would greatly appreciate your support of HB882. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susan L. Jones'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan L. Jones, Executive Director

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