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February 14, 2022

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

RE: Letter of Support

SB 900 Cecil County - Fishing - Restrictions

Dear Senator Pinsky and members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Cecil County Executive and Cecil County Council regarding SB 900 Cecil County – Fishing – Restrictions.

This legislation was requested by local fishermen who requested to resolve an outdated part of the law.

This legislation proposes that the public may not fish in the Susquehanna flats during waterfowl season. The legislation also prohibits other disruptive activity such as boating that would interfere with waterfowl hunting in the flats, particularly, during the season. The legislation also prohibits commercial netting in the Susquehanna River.

The Cecil County Executive and Cecil County Council respectfully request that the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee consider a favorable report on SB 900.

Danielle Hornberger

Cecil County Executive

Sincerely yours;

Robert Meffley

Council President

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February 8th, 2022

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Pinsky,

The Cecil County Senate Delegation supports **Senate Bill 900-Cecil County - Fishing – Restrictions**. We thank you for your committee's consideration of this bill and request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.

Senator Jason C. Gallion

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Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary Allan Fisher, Deputy Secretary

**Bill Number:** Senate Bill 900

**Short Title:** Cecil County - Fishing - Restrictions

**Department's Position:** Letter of Information

#### **Explanation of Department's Position**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources provides the following information on SB 900, which prohibits the use of commercial nets or haul seines in the Cecil County portion of the Susquehanna River and removes the requirement that a commercial licensee obtain landowner permission when setting a pound net adjacent to the shore in Cecil County.

The Harford County portion of the Susquehanna River has gill net restrictions and a prohibition that matches the existing text of Natural Resources Article, Section 4-717.

So, under this bill, some portions of the Susquehanna River would restrict only pound nets and stake nets, but would allow other nets, while in other portions of the river, no nets would be allowed, including haul seines. This may cause some confusion, and hamper compliance and enforcement activities.

For any additional information, please feel free to contact our Legislative and Constituent Services Director, Bunky Luffman.