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To: Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Committee on Budget and Taxation

From: London Towne Property Owners Association, Inc. PO Box 356 Edgewater, MD 21037

RE: SB 866 Support with Amendment

The London Towne Property Owners Association (LTPOA) would like to express our support for the Chesapeake Bay Trust's (Trust) amendment to SB866 that ensures the revenues managed by the Trust remain stable at FY17-FY22 levels.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust has partnered with our organization to oversee living shoreline projects that have restored and protected nearly one mile of shoreline on the South River in Anne Arundel County. With the Trust's financial support, as well as their wealth of scientific and practical knowledge, LTPOA was recognized for a multi-year track record of supporting award winning projects to prevent shoreline erosion on Association property.

Over a ten-year period, the Trust awarded approximately \$400,000.00 of matching grant funds to LTPOA. With this financial support from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the LTPOA was also given much needed assistance in our shoreline management strategy. The Trust provided technical expertise that focused on living shorelines and provided education on long-term ecological impacts in related areas such as buffer management, critical area care, and plant and animal habitat.

The Trust has helped give our community an incredible sense of pride and purpose to demonstrate good stewardship of our property by showing measurable positive improvements to the land and the environment. It is LTPOA's hope that the Chesapeake Bay Trust will continue to have a healthy state-supported annual budget so that other grantee organizations will receive financial and educational support in their endeavors to better Maryland's environment.

Sincerely,


Sarah Trees
Executive Director, LTPOA