



Good Afternoon Honorable Senators,

It is an honor to be here. I am Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat Mahoney asking you all to support SB140.

A huge portion of our town population is retired or active military, First Responders and Peace Officers. We are a patriotic town.

I like to describe Chesapeake Beach this way:

As you drive into town, you see:

- the American Legion and flags on the left.
- Straight ahead is the beautiful vision of Veterans Park on the Chesapeake Bay, flags waving. Home to our WW2 Honor Roll and Vietnam War Memorial
- Take a left at the Bay and you see NBVFD, which is actually in Chesapeake Beach
- Take a Right at the Bay to the center of town and you have boating, fishing, crab houses, a Water Park, a resort and 3 gaming establishments. These attractions bring many hundreds of thousands of Marylanders every year who cross Fishing Creek Bridge to enjoy the amenities we have to offer. 94% of our visitors are from across the State of Maryland!

Fire trucks, ambulances, police vehicles also cross this bridge every day as well. But those men and women inside are not there to enjoy amenities. Their job is to protect Marylanders even if it puts their own lives at risk!

Please join our effort to pay tribute to those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice and support SB140.

Thank you