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Testimony of Senator Craig J. Zucker
Senate Bill 866/House Bill 1257 - Special Vehicle Registration Plates - Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation - Appropriation
House Environment & Transportation | Appropriations
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Position: Favorable

Good afternoon, Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and distinguished members of the committee. It is my pleasure to testify today in **support of Senate Bill 866 - Special Vehicle Registration Plates - Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation - Appropriation**, which passed the Senate with unanimous approval.

Senate Bill 866 is a companion bill to Senate Bill 867 - The Maryland Heroes Plate legislation - that will soon be heard in this committee. Senate Bill 866 would ensure that the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation (MAEF) would be funded in perpetuity should plate sales decline.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust and MAEF's operations are almost entirely dependent on the revenue generated from the sale and renewal of their current special license plates. This bill is intended to create a sustainable funding source for these two entities in case of declining sales, providing longevity for their existence and grant programs.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 866. Thank you for your kind consideration.