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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

Letter of Support – Senate Bill 20 – *Environment – Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee – Membership*

Dear Chair Feldman and Committee Members:


I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 20. This bill will have a beneficial impact on the continued success of the Port of Baltimore's Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) and the continued collaboration with citizens and stakeholders at the Cox Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility (Cox Creek DMCF) in Anne Arundel County.

By way of background, the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee (Cox Creek COC) was statutorily established to oversee the implementation of the Cox Creek DMCF and provides advice to the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) regarding the expansion and operation of the facility and the potential impacts it may have on our nearby communities. Senate Bill 20 would amend the composition and responsibilities of the Cox Creek COC to replace inactive or obsolete member entities and update the responsibilities of the committee to allow for more coordination and collaboration with key stakeholders in northern Anne Arundel County.

The management of dredged material is complex. To support this effort, the DMMP leverages a series of citizen and stakeholder oversight and advisory committees that assist in the implementation of the program. Within the DMMP, the Cox Creek COC has provided invaluable recommendations to the MPA, including the preservation of capacity in the DMCF for northern Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works maintenance dredged material, the installation of navigation aids in the Cox Creek channel, and the construction of a walking trail around the 100+ acre conservation easement and the Swan Creek wetland area adjacent to the DMCF. The design of the Swan Creek Nature Trail, a Cox Creek COC-recommended community enhancement, is expected to be completed in 2025.

The Cox Creek COC is a crucial component of the Port's dredging program and provides a comprehensive approach to stakeholder collaboration to lead to equitably beneficial outcomes for all Marylanders for these reasons, the I respectfully request the committee grant Senate Bill 20 a favorable report.

Respectfully,


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Written Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 20

Chairman and members of the Education, Energy, and Environment Committee, I am here to introduce and voice my support for Senate Bill 20 – *Environment – Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee – Membership*.

Senate Bill 20 would alter the membership and clarify the authorization of the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee.

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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 20

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Membership**” and substitute “**Alterations**”; and in line 4, after “Committee;” insert “**requiring the Committee to provide certain input and recommendations to the Maryland Port Administration regarding certain management of dredged material;**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 18, strike “2 members of the North County Land Trust” and substitute “**1 MEMBER OF THE LAND TRUST THAT HOLDS THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT OF THE COX CREEK FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT AREA**”.

On page 2, in line 2, strike “member of the Anne Arundel County Watermen’s Association” and substitute “**INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS RECREATIONAL BIRDING IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**”; in line 10, strike “**1 MEMBER OF THE STONEY BEACH ASSOCIATION**” and substitute “**2 INDIVIDUALS WHO REPRESENT A WATERFRONT COMMUNITY IN THE NORTHERN PART OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**”; strike line 11 in its entirety; in lines 12 and 13, in each instance, strike the brackets; in the same lines, strike “**(11)**” and “**(12)**”, respectively; strike beginning with “redeposit” in line 15 down through “area” in line 16 and substitute “**MANAGEMENT OF DREDGED MATERIAL AT THE COX CREEK DREDGED MATERIAL CONTAINMENT FACILITY**”; in line 17, after “(2)” insert “**(I)**”; in the same line, strike “Hear and dispose” and substitute “**ADVISE THE MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION**”; in line 19, strike “and”; after line 19, insert:

“(II) PROVIDE INPUT AND FEEDBACK TO THE MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF DREDGED MATERIAL AT THE COX CREEK DREDGED MATERIAL CONTAINMENT FACILITY; AND

(III) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACT THAT ACTIVITIES AT THE CONTAINMENT FACILITY MAY HAVE ON NEARBY COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL RESOURCES; AND”;

and in line 23, strike “October” and substitute “July”.