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Date: February 19, 2024

To: Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce & Committee Members
Environmental and Transportation Committee
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

From: Jim Mullin, Executive Director, Maryland Oystermen's Association
Re: Support for HB-725 Oysters, Striped Bass, and Crabs – Commercial Authorizations-
Suspensions and Revocations.

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce & Committee Members

The Maryland Oystermen Association's wishes to support HB-725, our society allows for second chances in life and the ability to show proof that a second chance maybe warranted with proper guidance and education on the subject matter at hand. Presently as written the laws the govern the Commercial Authorizations does not allow for a second chance or the ability to demonstrate the ability to be rehabilitated.

The state of Maryland has demonstrated the ability in other walks of life to be given a second chance or be rehabilitated, the Commercial Authorization is the last arena in Maryland where a revocation for life ends an individual's ability to work and make a living.

We respectfully request a favorable recommendation of HB-725. Our association is most appreciative of your leadership, guidance and representation.

Respectfully submitted,

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