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House Bill 886 Support

House Bill 886—Environment—CAD Task Force  
House Committee on Environment and Transportation  
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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Teresa Fox and I live on Stoney Creek on the waterfront, in northern Anne Arundel County. I am a retired military veteran who chose to stay in MD for the rest of my life after retiring. I have lived in many wonderful places, including CA, HI and Japan but love MD because of the high quality of life here. Living on the water is one of the major reasons for staying here. It is so thrilling to be able to kayak Stoney Creek and observe blue cranes and bald eagles in their natural habitat. It is also fun to barbeque on the beach and swim and fish off our pier.

I am very concerned about the Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD), which is being proposed by MPA. This issue was first brought to my attention by another beach resident and attended a community meeting with MPA present. I was very concerned about the impact of such contaminated dredge material storage in our area and did not feel that the risks were adequately addressed by MPA. As we all know, water erodes everything over time and there is a danger of toxic material escaping into the Anne Arundel County waterways, as a result.

It is critical that you establish an independent CAD task force to evaluate environmental safety, human and animal health impacts and risks and alternatives to the current plan. This task force should be composed of people familiar with our waterways, independent

environmental experts, wildlife experts, and local citizens who would be affected by CAD. The task force should also be mandated to hold meetings with communities that will potentially be affected by CAD, and our legislative representatives, so we have the opportunity to stay abreast of the issue. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Teresa Fox

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