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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 Michael 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. I am a former surfer and always enjoy the beauty and comfort of being near the water.

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 my wife, who attended a community meeting with MPA present. I am very concerned about the impact about contaminated dredge material being in our area. It does not sound like all of our concerns are being addressed. Also, it doesn't seem that any notice was put out to local residents about this proposed plan. We told several other neighbors who knew nothing about this proposal. There seems to be a danger of toxic material escaping into the Anne Arundel County waterways, where we kayak and swim.

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,
Michael Fox
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