

Senate Bill 168 – SUPPORT

**Senate Bill 168 – Environment
Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment
“Environmental Justice in Confined Aquatic Disposal Act”**

My name is Charles Verschoore. I live in the community of Bayside 30 or specially address 1846 Cook Farm Ct., Pasadena 21122 in Northern Anne Arundel County.

I have lived in Pasadena most of my life since 1987 and worked for NSA for 40 years retiring in 2023. My wife Terry Cerreta, a native from Dundalk, asked how did I find this prime location making me aware of my neighbors with last names of Calvert, Cook, Hancock, Mason, and Webster? I realized just then the significance of this place having to purchase a King’s Title search. Being right behind Irv’s basement bar, Kurtz’s beach, Atlantic Marina resort, further adds the unique qualities of this property. Everyday my wife and I see abundant wildlife including terrapins, beavers, deer, foxes, hummingbirds, owls, all kinds of waterfowl and even an occasional eagle!

This is why it is important that environmental justice is supported in pollution-overburdened communities near the Patapsco River and that the river, its waterways, and communities near these waterways are not subjected to further pollution risks posed by Confined Aquatic Disposal of dredge material. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 168 which will address longstanding environmental injustices on the Patapsco and protect pollution-impacted communities and waterways from further pollution caused by Confined Aquatic Disposal.

Sincerely,

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