

Testimony in Support/Opposition of SB0898

Senate Energy, Education, and Environment Committee February 18, 2025

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To Chair Feldman and Committee Members,

My name is Steven Masterman. I live in St. Michaels, Maryland , on Broad Creek , and I urge a favorable report on SB0898.

I support this bill because we have witnessed how important the shoreline areas of the Bay are to protecting water quality, sea life and all of the activities and interests that good water quality can enhance. Rain events have gotten more intense and for too long there has been too little attention paid to the value of natural buffer areas at shorelines. It is not an easy task but it is the right thing to do if we want the Bay to be safe for swimming and fishing.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look to this committee to give SB0898 a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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