

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 Sandra Roberts. I live at 7648 Water Oak Point Rd in Northern Anne Arundel County directly on Rock Creek. The property I reside on has been in my husbands family for over 100 years and many generations have enjoyed all aspects of the Chesapeake Bay and it's watershed. My husband and son also hold a Commercial Crabbing License. Many members of the community come to my property to enjoy fishing, swimming, kayaking, boating, playing in the sand, feeding the ducks, assisting with growing Oysters and enjoying the sunsets. We often enjoy meals provided right off our pier or out on our boat. It is truly a special place. A place where kids leave their phones inside and spend hours outside. It is detrimental to my family, the community, the waterman, and the wildlife that depend on and enjoy these waterways. We actively pick up trash, wood, and participate in Oyster growing to help protect and clean our waters. We teach others about the importance of this and encourage environmental preservation. Passing this bill will help ensure that the health of our Bay, Rivers and Creeks are preserved. This bill will help the Waterways on both shores and is far reaching to affect multiple jurisdictions if passed.

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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