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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 Lisa Phipps. I live in the Elizabeth’s Landing Community in Northern Anne Arundel County. I am also the HOA Treasurer.

I am in support of Senator Simonaire’s bill. I have lived in Elizabeth’s Landing (686 townhomes with over 2000 residents) since 2018 and I am deeply invested in my community. We have access to Stoney Creek at Elizabeth’s Landing and I am very much against the placement of dredging material in the Patapsco. As a leader of the Waterfront Committee for the community, I have coordinated the design of a living shoreline for Elizabeth’s Landing that we expect to be constructed in March that will address some erosion problems we are having at the waterfront. This project will also provide habitat for marine life, capture sediment, and filter pollution in Stoney Creek. Personally, I also own 2 kayaks and use the waterfront regularly. We already have several entities in the area that pollute our waterways such as Brandon Shores and the Wagner fossil fuel power plant. Let’s stop dumping in the Patapsco!

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,

Lisa Phipps

Elizabeth’s Landing Community Association Treasurer