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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401**

Senate Bill 420 – Deep Creek Lake Protection and Restoration Fund – Alteration and Extension

January 26, 2025

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chairman Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee,

The purpose of the bill is to extend the termination date of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund. The bill will also increase the mandated appropriation funds in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 to \$2 million. I thank you all for your time and ask for a favorable vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay

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February 11, 2025

BILL NUMBER: **Senate Bill 420**

SHORT TITLE: **State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund - Alteration and Extension**

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: **LETTER OF INFORMATION**

### **EXPLANATION OF DEPARTMENT'S POSITION**

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SB 420 extends the State Lakes Protection and Restoration fund through FY27; however, the legislation also alters the fund to apply solely to Deep Creek Lake.

Since this fund's inception, the Department has used these funds for various purposes at State lakes throughout the State – including habitat improvement projects at Rocky Gap Lake, Blairs Valley Lake, Hunting Creek Lake, and dredging at Urieville Lake.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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The State Lakes Protection and Restoration fund is designed to fund projects on 16 defined State Lakes throughout the State of Maryland. Projects include sediment control, dredging, aquatic invasive plant control, submerged aquatic vegetation planting, shoreline erosion control, and many others. These projects have been performed on these identified lakes beginning in 2019 with existing plans in place through FY25 and FY26. As the largest lake in Maryland, Deep Creek Lake has historically been the largest recipient and beneficiary of these annual funds at over 50% of the funds directed to Deep Creek Lake. Additionally, a special \$2.2M addition through the State Lakes fund went directly to Deep Creek Lake for dredging Arrowhead Cove.

### **BILL EXPLANATION**

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This bill extends the authority of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration fund through and including FY27, adds \$1M to the FY27 budget to support the fund, and alters the fund from supporting all 16 identified state lakes to just one lake, Deep Creek Lake. Additionally, the bill takes effect June 1, 2025.

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