

Date: February 8, 2025

Education, Energy, and The Environment:

Brian Feldman, Chair

Re: SB 477

Sponsored by: Cecil County Senators

Position: OPPOSE

Dear Members of the Education, Energy, and The Environment Committee

I am Betty Johnson a resident of Cecil County, MD, who has attended some of the Advisory Committee meetings , and reviewed the Department of Natural Resources Report to the Legislature on the Port of Deposit Historical Park , I am opposed to extending the time period for the property to be released to the Department of Natural Resources as well as reducing the acreage by 90 percent. Passage of this bill will only prolong the time for the park to be established. From the report, there already has been an extension to the project. I recommend moving forward and any obstacles that DNR encounters along the way, I am certain they will be resolved timely.

Reducing the size by 90 percent is a drastic reduction. If that happens the original plan for a Historical Park will also be diminished and compromised.

I strongly oppose SB477 and urge the committee to vote against passing this bill out of the Education, Energy, and The Environment Committee.

Sincerely,

Betty Johnson, A Constituent