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The Honorable Brian Feldman
Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
The Honorable Cheryl Kagan
Vice Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Feldman and Vice Chair Kagan,

We are writing to express our **support** for **Senate Bill 363 Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation - Oyster Shucking House Loan Program**.

Senate Bill 363 makes changes to the Oyster Shucking House Loan Program under the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO). We believe these changes more adequately reflect industry conditions and will increase participation in the program. Providing growth opportunities for Maryland's historic oyster shucking houses and for new oyster processing facilities is critical to oyster population restoration efforts and the commercial industry.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and respectfully request a favorable report for Senate Bill 363.

Sincerely,

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