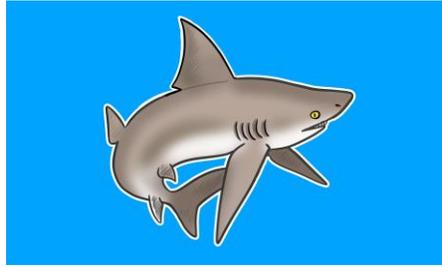


# **Shiffman testimony NHSM.pdf**

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David Shiffman Scientific and Environmental Consulting, Inc.  
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Silver Spring, MD

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Dear Maryland Senate and House of Delegates,

I write in support of HB169 (sponsored by Delegate Allen) and its companion bill SB0064 (sponsored by Senator Klausmeier). These bills would name the Natural History Society of Maryland as the state's official natural history museum. I am strongly supportive of this action, because the Natural History Society of Maryland is a wonderful educational and research institution that is worthy of this important honor.

As a Ph.D. environmental scientist and educator based in Silver Spring, I love the Natural History Society of Maryland, and have worked with them on a variety of public science engagement activities. They have hundreds of thousands of specimens highlighting Maryland's diverse and fascinating natural history, with more added all the time.

Their staff and volunteers are experts in their fields and passionate about our state, and they are involved in a wide variety of research and educational activities. They offer over 300 programs every year including in-person lectures and tours, field trips throughout Maryland, and online activities.

The Natural History Society of Maryland is a treasure for our state, and I am strongly supportive of them being named the official natural history museum of the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,

*David S Shiffman*

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# **Support letter for HB169 from Overlea Community Ass**

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March 11, 2025

RE: HB169, SB0064, IN FAVOR

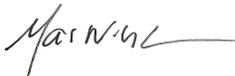
To whom it concerns,

I am writing in support of the Natural History Society of Maryland's request to change the name to the Maryland Natural History Museum.

Since moving to Baltimore County in 2006, the NHSM has become an important educational resource and community development linchpin. The collections are nothing short of amazing. The Overlea Community Association and the NHSM are true community partners. Our support runs deep and we are honored that this facility is located in our community.

There is no designated Maryland Natural History Museum. This needs to be rectified. This facility is a world class state wide nature attraction and a center for learning that all of Maryland can and will enjoy.

Thank you,



Martin Nibali, President  
Overlea Community Association  
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# **Favorable HB169\_ SB0064 State Designations - Stat**

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**Favorable HB169/ SB0064 State Designations - State Natural History Museum - Natural History Society of Maryland**

Sponsors Del. Allen /Sen. Klausmeier

3/13 1:00

Name: Maureen Fine  
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Bowie, MD 20715

Dear Chair Pena Melnyk and Committeemembers,

As a Master Naturalist and a grandparent, I ask you to please support this bill. Children and adults love learning about the natural world, and what better way to do this than to experience the programs, lectures, workshops and courses offered by the Natural History Society of Maryland at the amazing Natural History Society Museum, which houses 200,000 natural history specimens and artifacts dating back to the 1800's.

From the Ice Age Exhibit featuring the Woolly Mammoth, to a trip to Hershey Park Butterfly House for a private tour, to learning about shells of the world, and lichens in my own backyard— the wide variety of fascinating science subjects offered by the NHSM have left me filled with wonder and brimming with curiosity to learn more. My daughter and her daughters have also learned so much in programs they've experienced.

Please vote Favorable on this bill and designate the NHSM Maryland's State Natural History Museum. And please visit or take a class —it'll make you proud!

Thank you,  
Maureen Fine