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SB 368
**Calvert and St. Mary's Counties - Living Shorelines and Nonstructural
Shoreline Stabilization Measures**

February 3, 2026

COMMITTEE: Education, Energy and the Environment
POSITION: Support

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County express our support for **SB 368 – Calvert and St. Mary's Counties – Living Shorelines and Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization Measures**. This bill, supported by the entire delegation for St. Mary's County, will offer property owners and homeowners a faster, more flexible, better approval process for critical shoreline protection works.

St. Mary's County has over 500 miles of shoreline and thousands of our citizens live on the waterfront. Many of their properties suffer extreme erosion and can experience, in as little as months or years, several feet of shoreline loss. SB 368 provides a needed update to the approval process for shoreline protection works and empowers our local soil conservation district to implement and administer smart, balanced, and common-sense regulations. Providing our citizens a modern process and modern tools to protect their land, and keeping decisionmakers close to home, is a cause the Commissioners wholeheartedly support.

We urge you to **support SB 368**. Thank you for your consideration as well as your attention to this matter, and thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


James Randy Guy, President

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