



February 19, 2026

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair  
Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: Senate Bill 580 – State Government – Walk-In Service Requirements**

Dear Chair Feldman:

On behalf of the Marine Trades Association of Maryland, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 580 which requires certain State divisions and programs to provide walk-in service on a first-come, first-served basis at a reasonable frequency and at reasonable locations.

Senate Bill 580 specifically applies to the Department of Natural Resources, Licensing and Registration Service Centers.

One of our members who runs a boat dealership has had difficulty obtaining registration of boats taken in trade during recent visits to his local DNR Licensing Center. Having to wait several weeks to receive the registration in the mail has delayed opportunities to re-sell the vessels and created an administrative expense to track the paperwork. Senate Bill 580 will help to address this delay.

The Marine Trades Association of Maryland is a 501(c)(6) organization representing the recreational boating industry in Maryland. The recreational boating industry has a \$4.2 billion economic impact in Maryland representing 16,871 jobs. With 3,190 miles of shoreline, our waterways and watersports are a big part of who we are and why people choose Maryland as their home.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Stefancik  
Executive Director

cc: Members, Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Committee