

Testimony in Support/Opposition of SB368
Calvert and St. Mary's Counties - Living Shorelines and Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization
Measures

Senate Energy, Education and Environment Committee Hearing 2/10/2026 at 1:00 p.m.
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To Chair Feldman and Committee Members,

My name is Christa Peters-Lidard, Ph.D. I live in Grasonville, on Greenwood Creek within the Prospect Bay/Eastern Bay watershed, and I urge an unfavorable report on SB368.

This Bill will:

- establish requirements for the use of living shorelines and nonstructural stabilization measures in Calvert County and St. Mary's County; and
- exempt property located in Calvert County and St. Mary's County from certain general requirements regarding the use of nonstructural shoreline stabilization measures.

I oppose this bill because it sets a dangerous precedent for living shoreline permitting across the State. As a waterfront homeowner, the stability of my shoreline and the ability of my creek to support crabs, fish, waterfowl, and other parts of the ecosystem depends on the health of submerged and shoreline vegetation. I treasure my ability to fish, swim, crab, and harvest oysters on my creek and throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look to this committee to give **SB368** an **unfavorable** report.

Sincerely,
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