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SENATE EDUCATION, ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Senate Bill 916
Workgroup on Seafood Marketing
March 10, 2026
Favorable with Amendment

Chair Feldman and Vice Chair Kagan and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on Senate Bill 916. The bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Natural Resources to jointly convene a workgroup to examine challenges and opportunities in the State related to seafood marketing.

The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) is one of twelve institutions within the University System of Maryland. UMCES has multiple environmental research laboratories across the State and administers the Maryland Sea Grant College. A core mission of UMCES is to provide the science for decision-making for the betterment of Maryland's environment and her citizens related to Chesapeake Bay and beyond. UMCES has four research laboratories across the State as well as the Integration and Application Network and administers Maryland Sea Grant.

UMCES supports the establishment of the Workgroup on Seafood Marketing and offers a friendly amendment regarding the make-up of the Workgroup. UMCES has particular expertise in fisheries science, aquaculture, and seafood industry. Therefore, we respectfully recommend inclusion of the following amendment under SECTION 1:

- “the President of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science or the President’s designee”

UMCES appreciates your leadership in strengthening Maryland's seafood industry and welcomes continued dialogue on this important issue. UMCES recommends a Favorable Report and asks that its friendly amendment be considered.