



The Maryland Watermen's Association, Inc.

TO: The Honorable Senator Brain J. Feldman,
Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment
And
The Honorable Senator Cheryl Kagan
Vice Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment

The Maryland Watermen's Association, Inc. is in favor of Senate Bill 166, **Shellfish Aquaculture – Penalties – Suspension or Revocation of Permit or Registration Card**, as written. SB-166 will ensure both the Aquaculture Harvester and Commercial Harvester penalties are equally applicable. In the past there are many incidents where commercial harvesters have lost or had suspension of their licenses. These same laws that have been broking by the aquaculture industry have committed do not receive equal or just violations.

The Maryland Watermen's Association ask the committee to vote in favor of Senate Bill 166,so penalties are applied fairly and equally to the violations to all harvesters.

Very Respectfully,

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