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## In Favor of SB 165 and HB 146 with Amendments -

### Environment – On-Site Wastewater Systems – Requirements for Inspections and Pumping Services and Implementation Dates

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I have been involved with On-Site systems in Maryland for over 50 years. My family started Mayer Bros., Inc precast in Elkridge MD in 1959. I became president and started another company OSIS LLC (Onsite Septic Inspection & Service) about 15 years ago. I am recently retired but I still teach classes on Property transfer Inspection and Operations and Maintenance of Onsite Systems, the classes that are approved and required by MDE. I am unfortunately out of town at a conference next week and cannot attend your hearings in person. Please accept my written testimony for consideration.

#### **I fully support both SB 165 and HB146, With the following amendments/conditions:**

It should be clear that inspection precedes pumping of tanks, and ideally pumping should be done when the inspector is there. Often these are 2 different companies and need to work together to ensure the parties involved get a fair and accurate inspection. As we teach in the class, if a tank has been pumped before the inspector arrives, we would be suspicious of potential problems.

Sites where there are advanced treatment units (ATU's) and, or Maryland's BAT's (Best Available Technology) should defer to a licensed O/M provider for inspection and pump out. Currently Inspectors don't touch these units and rely on the O/M reports for details. Pump outs are only recommended when required so as to keep the biological function of these units intact.

Finally if a property is sold with the intent of the current onsite system to be abandoned, inspection would not be warranted and should be exempt.

Thank you for your consideration, by contact information is listed should you have any questions.

I ask for a favorable report of HB 146 and SB 165.

Respectfully,

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