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Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
House Environmental & Transportation Committee
250 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 613 – FAVORABLE – Calvert and St. Mary’s Counties – Living Shorelines and Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization Measures

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Committee:

Colliflower and Peterson respectfully submits its strong support for HB 613. Founded in 1972, our firm has extensive experience in shoreline stabilization and was among the first companies to implement living shoreline projects in the 1980s. We continue to support the use of living shorelines when site conditions are appropriate and success can be reasonably assured.

Our experience has shown that living shorelines are most effective when constructed in suitable locations, as determined by qualified professionals familiar with local conditions. HB 613 appropriately recognizes this by placing permitting authority with local agencies that have direct knowledge of shoreline characteristics within their jurisdictions.

This legislation promotes a balanced and unbiased permitting process and allows property owners to select the most effective erosion control solution for their specific site. Given the significant financial investment required to stabilize shoreline property, landowners should have meaningful input in determining the most appropriate approach. HB 613 provides a practical framework to achieve this outcome.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Stephen W. Peterson