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Via Electronic Mail

The Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
250 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB613/SB368 – Calvert and St. Mary's Counties - Living Shorelines and Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization Measures

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton and Committee Members:

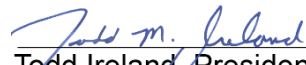
The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) writes in support of HB613/SB368 and respectfully requests a favorable committee report.

This legislation is important to Calvert County because it moves away from a uniform, statewide approach to shoreline stabilization, creating separate guidelines and establishing definitions, requirements and exemptions specific to Calvert and St Mary's counties. The bill would have the local soil conservation districts determining the shore stabilization for a property based on the actual characteristics of said property. This approach aligns closely with the county's priorities related to public safety and the well-being of our constituents.

Additionally, by enabling property owners to work directly with their local soil conservation office, the bill will encourage not only more shore stabilization but more environmentally appropriate solutions. This would help reduce shoreline erosion and the associated pollution of our nearby waterways. The BOCC believes this measure strikes a reasonable balance between statewide objectives and local needs.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this legislation. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Planning & Zoning Director Jason Brinkley at 410-535-1600, ext. 2334.

Sincerely,
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