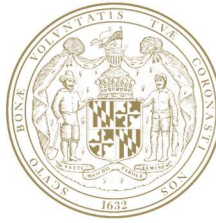


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March 5, 2026

The Honorable Marc Korman  
Chair, Environment & Transportation Committee  
251 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Honorable Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

On behalf of the Rural Caucus, we are writing to express our support for **HB 1400 Shellfish Aquaculture - Penalties - Suspension or Revocation of Permit or Registration Card**.

This bill establishes certain regulations for individuals engaged in shellfish aquaculture and allows for a suspension or revocation of permits in case of a violation of such regulations. This bill provides for equal standards between the Public Commercial Oyster Fishery and the Aquaculture Oyster Fishery in terms of suspensions and revocations.

For these reasons, the Rural Caucus supports HB 1400 and requests a favorable report.

Thank you,

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Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist  
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Delegate Natalie Ziegler  
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