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The Honorable Melissa Wells  
Chair: Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
House of Delegates, Room 145  
6 Bladen Street  
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Dear Chair Wells, Vice-Chair Kerr, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Stephen Groff I am a lifelong resident of Calvert County. I've been collecting fossils and fossil shark's teeth from the world-famous Calvert Cliffs of Maryland since I was 3 years old. In those 22 years I've found countless fossils, including several new species. In all that time megalodon teeth remain for me, as for many people, one of the most desirable and iconic fossils to find in Maryland. To the fossil community it is as iconic as the blue crab as a fossil of Maryland, and much like the blue crab deserves to be honored as a state symbol as our state shark.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Groff