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February 3, 2019

Dr. John Olszeweski  
Baltimore County Executive  
Office of Baltimore County Executive's  
Historic Courthouse  
400 Washington Avenue,  
Towson, Maryland 21204  
Office: (410) 887-2450

Re: Maryland Senate Bill 145 Natural Resources –  
Prohibition on Dredging Buried Oyster Shells at Man–O–War Shoals

Dear Dr. Olszeweski,

Please be advised Maryland Senate Bill 145 Natural Resources Prohibition on Dredging Buried Oyster Shells at Man–O–War Shoals (attached) has been introduced and read first time: January 21, 2019.

This critical legislation has broad bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate. On January 29, 2019 the house cross-bill 0092 Sponsor Delegate Lafferty (D) and Delegate Grammer (R) both testified favorably with representatives of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Waterman's Association, and the Recreational Fisherman.

Senatorially, Bill 145 is co-sponsored by Senators Klausmeier, Elfreth, Jennings, Kelley, Lam, Nathan–Pulliam, Salling, West, and Zirkin and on February 5, 2019 at 1:00 PM the 7<sup>th</sup> District Civic Council of Baltimore County will provide similar to HB 0092 supporting testimony at which time we wish to present a letter from the Baltimore County Executive's Office expressing support for the bill.

In addition to testifying on behalf of the 7<sup>th</sup> District Civic Council of Baltimore County, I will also be testifying as President of the Fort Howard Community Association, Board Member/Treasure of the Baltimore County Historic Trust, Board Member/Secretary of the Sparrows Point/North Point Historic Society, the Millers Island Edgemere Business Association, as past vice-president and president of the North Point Peninsula Community Council, and member of the [Maryland Port Authority Citizens Advisory Committee on Dredge Material Management Program](#).

The Man-O-War Shoal is the last intact prehistoric Chesapeake Bay oyster shoal remaining of the world and is irreplaceable Baltimore County natural heritage asset.

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Your testimonial letter of support on behalf of the Baltimore County residents will be most appreciated.

Therefore, on behalf of the 7th District Civic Council of Baltimore County, the Fort Howard Community Association, the Baltimore County Historic Trust, the Sparrows Point/North Point Historic Society, North Point Peninsula Community Council, Miller's Island Edgemere Business Association, the Maryland Port Authority Citizens Advisory Committee on Dredge Material Management Program, and the entire Baltimore County Annapolis Delegation, thank you in advance for you letter of support for Senate Bill 145, Prohibition on Dredging Buried Oyster Shells at Man-O-War Shoals.

Respectfully

Scott Pappas

Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer

7th District Civic Council of Baltimore County

Attachments: SB 145