

ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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January 8, 2019

The Honorable Matthew Morgan
Maryland House of Delegates
310 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401


Re: To amend § 4-11A-08 of the *Natural Resources Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*
– to require that in St. Mary's County, a water column lease may not be located within
six hundred (600) feet of the shoreline or any pier without written permission of the
riparian owner at the time of the initial application for the lease

Dear Chairman Morgan:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County support the request to amend § 4-11A-08 of the
Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland– to require that in St. Mary's
County, a water column lease may not be located within six hundred (600) feet of the shoreline
or any pier without written permission of the riparian owner at the time of the initial application
for the lease.

We appreciate the introduction of this legislation and believe this legislation will benefit the
citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives
throughout the session.

Sincerely,
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