

ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY**



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**Senate Bill 711  
Aquaculture – Water Column Leases –  
Conflict Resolution**

Hearing: February 25, 2020

**SUPPORT**

February 25, 2020


Maryland Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee  
Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West  
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Pinsky:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County SUPPORT Senate Bill 711 - Aquaculture – Water Column Leases – Conflict Resolution which is being heard on February 25, 2020 in the Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee. If enacted as written this legislation would positively impact many members in my county who would otherwise be effected by aquaculture lease without their chance for input, conflict resolution or potential recourse.

We request a favorable report on Senate Bill 711. We SUPPORT the introduction of this legislation and believe this legislation would benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. Thank you for your consideration, as well as your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY



James Randy Guy, President

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Cc: Senator Jack Bailey  
Delegate Matthew Morgan  
Delegate Gerald Clark  
Delegate Brian Crosby  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
Commissioner Michael Hewitt  
Commissioner Todd Morgan  
Commissioner John O'Connor  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
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