



October 10, 2019

The Honorable Andrew Pruski and Council Members  
Chair, Anne Arundel County Council  
44 Calvert Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Via Electronic Message

Dear Chairman Pruski and Councilmembers:

Consistent with its position that any net increase of impervious surface within the Severn watershed would cause further degradation to the Severn's ecology and water quality, noting that the Severn River is already classified as an impaired waterway under both Maryland and EPA standards, and in furtherance of the will of our board and membership, the Severn River Association urges in the strongest terms that this County enact forest conservation measures *at least* as robust as what is currently contained in Bill No. 68-19 (the "FCA"). Please see the attached joint letter from the Severn and Magothy River Association to the County Executive, dated May 20, 2019.

Pursuant to a resolution passed unanimously by the SRA board of directors during its June 13, 2019 regular board meeting, and upon the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee of that board, I hereby authorize Jeff Schomig, SRA board member and advocacy committee chair, or his delegate on that committee, to testify on SRA's behalf in support of the FCA. This testimony is consistent with SRA's view that the currently drafted FCA provides the *minimum* remedies to help properly correct the current incentive imbalance that currently leaves wooded land unreasonably vulnerable to development-based clearing. Mr. Schomig's written testimony is the second attachment to this email.

Respectfully,

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