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**Testimony for the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
in Opposition to SB0321 – Edward M. Maley, PE**

My family and I have owned property on the Severn River for over fifty years. I am an avid water skier and member of the Severn River Ski Club. I am strongly opposed to SB321.

Nearly two years ago, SB93 was passed by the Maryland Legislature. The bill was nearly unanimously approved by the Senate as a “local courtesy”. Members of the House of Delegates took a closer look at the proposed bill and saw that the premise for the bill was flawed; many of them opposed the bill on its merit. Ultimately the bill passed the house as well, but with an important exception; a sunset clause was added. The sunset clause provided that the DNR would provide a report on the effects of the ski course on Maynadier Creek.

Now, Senator Reilly has proposed SB321 which will eliminate the sunset clause. Once again, a few property owners are seeking to supersede the established processes. In 2019, they superseded the authority of the Boat Act Advisory Committee; a committee appointed by the Governor to ensure that regulation of Maryland’s waters are based facts, not emotion, and based on the best interest of all parties. Now, this same group seek to overturn the sunset clause before hearing the facts.

One fact is clear. SB93 has had a devastating effect on the use of the Maynadier ski course while making no significant improvement for those who object to our presence. Since the implementation of SB93 ski course use has reduced by over 40%. What does that really mean? Prior to SB93, during June – August 2018, (91 days) only 71 boats used the Maynadier course. Typically each boat has three skiers and during a two hour session, each of the skiers will take 2 sets of 6 passes each. For each pass, the boat is only on plane for about 45 seconds; out of the 2 hour session, the boat is only on plane for 24 minutes. In other words, on average, you could see a ski boat at Maynadier about 1.5 hours per day and on plane only about 20 minutes per day. That leaves the remaining 11.5 hours of daylight without a ski boat in sight. By cutting our ability to ski by 40%, the hours without a ski boat present have only increased from 11.5 to about 12.1. Please ask, yourself – Prior to SB93 did the skiers really have exclusive use of Maynadier as claimed by the proponents of these bills? Does the reduction of ski hours really provide a benefit to the non-skiers?

I have attached the ski calendars from 2018 and 2020 for your information.

Concerning the “local courtesy” issue. This is not just a local issue. These bills SB93 in 2019 and now SB321 in 2021 are setting a dangerous precedence where wealthy property owners are able to project their influence on the use of public waters throughout the state. Maynadier Creek, the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay are not the property of those fortunate enough to live on their shores. They are a state wide treasure for all to enjoy. More specifically concerning these bills, upon reviewing the

membership roles for the Severn Ski Club over the past several years, we have had active members from eight different counties plus Baltimore City and Washington DC. Counties include Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's and Queen Anne's.

I hope that after you have taken a closer look at this issue, you see that it is without merit. Please vote no on SB321.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Maley', is displayed within a light gray rectangular box.

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JUNE 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
8-10						6/1	6/2
10-12							Boat 1
12-2							Boat 2
2-4							
4-6						Boat 1	
6-8						Boat 2	
8-10	6/3	6/4	6/5	6/6	6/7	6/8	6/9
10-12			Boat 1		Boat 1		Boat 1
12-2							Boat 2
2-4							
4-6			Boat 2		Boat 2		
6-8							
8-10	6/10	6/11	6/12	6/13	6/14	6/15	6/16
10-12					Boat 1		
12-2			Boat 1		Boat 2		
2-4							
4-6			Boat 2		Boat 3		
6-8			Boat 3				
8-10	6/17	6/18	6/19	6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23
10-12	Boat 1			Boat 1			Boat 1
12-2							
2-4							
4-6			Boat 1		Boat 1		
6-8			Boat 2		Boat 2		
8-10	6/24	6/25	6/26	6/27	6/28	6/29	6/30
10-12	Boat 1						Boat 1
12-2							
2-4							
4-6			Boat 1		Boat 1		
6-8			Boat 2		Boat 2		
Totals	2	0	10	1	9	2	6
	Monthly Total						30

JULY 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
8-10	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7
10-12	Boat 1						
12-2		Boat 1	Boat 1				
2-4							
4-6							
6-8							
8-10	7/8	7/9	7/10	7/11	7/12	7/13	7/14
10-12					Boat 1		Boat 1
12-2							
2-4			Boat 1				
4-6			Boat 2		Boat 2		
6-8			Boat 3		Boat 3		
8-10	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20	7/21
10-12	Boat 1						
12-2			Boat 1				
2-4							
4-6			Boat 2		Boat 1		
6-8					Boat 2		
8-10	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27	7/28
10-12	Boat 1						
12-2							
2-4					Boat 1		
4-6							
6-8							
8-10	7/29	7/30	7/31				
10-12	Boat 1						
12-2							
2-4							
4-6			Boat 1				
6-8							
Totals	4	1	7	0	6	0	1
	Monthly Total						19

AUGUST 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
8-10				8/1	8/2	8/3	8/4
10-12							Boat 1
12-2							
2-4					Boat 1		
4-6							
6-8							
8-10	8/5	8/6	8/7	8/8	8/9	8/10	8/11
10-12	Boat 1						Boat 1
12-2	Boat 2			Boat 1			
2-4					Boat 1		
4-6			Boat 1		Boat 2		
6-8							
8-10	8/12	8/13	8/14	8/15	8/16	8/17	8/18
10-12	Boat 1						Boat 1
12-2	Boat 2						
2-4			Boat 1	Boat 1		Boat 1	
4-6			Boat 2				
6-8							
8-10	8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24	8/25
10-12							Boat 1
12-2							
2-4							
4-6			Boat 1		Boat 1		
6-8							
8-10	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29	8/30	8/31	9/1
10-12							
12-2							
2-4							
4-6			Boat 1				
6-8			Boat 2				
Totals	4	0	6	3	4	1	4
	Monthly Total						22
	Total June - Aug						71

JUNE 2020

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
8-10		6/1	6/2	6/3	6/4	6/5	6/6
10-12						Boat 1	
12-2							
2-4							
4-6			Boat 1		Boat 1		
6-8							
	6/7	6/8	6/9	6/10	6/11	6/12	6/13
8-10	Boat 1						
10-12		Boat 1	Boat 1				
12-2							
2-4					Boat 1		
4-6							
6-8			Boat 2				
	6/14	6/15	6/16	6/17	6/18	6/19	6/20
8-10						Boat 1	
10-12							
12-2							
2-4							
4-6			Boat 1	Boat 1			
6-8			Boat 2				
	6/21	6/22	6/23	6/24	6/25	6/26	6/27
8-10							
10-12		Boat 1				Work Day	
12-2							
2-4							
4-6			Boat 1		Boat 1		
6-8							
	6/28	6/29	6/30				
8-10	Boat 1						
10-12							
12-2							
2-4							
4-6							
6-8							
Totals	2	2	6	1	3	2	0
	Monthly Total						16

JULY 2020

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4
				Boat 1			
				Boat 1			
	7/5	7/6	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/10	7/11
8-10	Boat 1						
10-12							
12-2							
2-4							
4-6					Boat 1		
6-8			Boat 1				
	7/12	7/13	7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18
8-10	Boat 1						
10-12							
12-2							
2-4							
4-6					Boat 1		
6-8			Boat 1	Boat 1			
	7/19	7/20	7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25
8-10	Boat 1						
10-12							
12-2							
2-4							
4-6			Boat 1				
6-8			Boat 2				
	7/26	7/27	7/28	7/29	7/30	7/31	
8-10	Boat 1						
10-12							
12-2							
2-4							
4-6							
6-8							
Totals	4	0	4	2	2	0	0
	Monthly Total						12

AUGUST 2020

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
							8/1
	8/2	8/3	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7	8/8
8-10	Boat 1						
10-12	Boat 2						
12-2							
2-4							
4-6					Boat 1		
6-8							
	8/9	8/10	8/11	8/12	8/13	8/14	8/15
8-10	Boat 1						
10-12							
12-2							
2-4							
4-6							
6-8							
	8/16	8/17	8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22
8-10							
10-12							
12-2							
2-4							
4-6					Boat 1	Boat 1	
6-8					Boat 2		
	8/23	8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29
8-10	Boat 1						
10-12							
12-2							
2-4							
4-6							
6-8							
	8/30						
8-10	Boat 1						
10-12							
12-2							
2-4							
4-6							
6-8							
Totals	5	0	2	1	3	1	0
	Monthly Total						12
	Total June - Aug						40