

**SB1094.pdf**

Uploaded by: Mike McKay

Position: FAV

**MIKE MCKAY**  
*Legislative District 1*  
Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties



James Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street, Room 416  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
410-841-3565 · 301-858-3565  
800-492-7122 Ext. 3565  
Mike.McKay@senate.state.md.us

Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Executive Nominations Committee

**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401**

Senate Bill 1094 – State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Alteration and Extension

February 26, 2024

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chairman Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee,

The purpose of the bill is to extend the termination date of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund. The bill will also increase the mandated appropriation funds in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 to \$2 million. I thank you all for your time and ask for a favorable vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay

Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland

Serving Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties

# Written Testimony for SB 1094.pdf

Uploaded by: Robert Hoffmann

Position: FAV

SB 1094

Support Bill

Bob Hoffmann

135 Tenderfoot Road

Oakland, MD. 21550

Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

Dear Chair Guzzone,

My name is Bob Hoffmann and I am a resident of Garrett County, Maryland. I am the President of the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation and a member of the Board for the Deep Creek Property Owners' Association as well as an alternate member of the Deep Creek Lake Policy Review Board.

Deep Creek Lake (DCL) is the "Economic Engine" of Garrett County which generates personal property taxes for the County enabling a wide range of services for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. In addition, DCL provides recreational opportunities for activities such as boating, swimming, fishing, water releases for whitewater rafting and more. However, DCL will be 100 years old in 2025 and needs attention to keep it healthy and able to provide the recreation it does. I believe similar circumstances exist for the other 15 manmade lakes in the State so increasing and continuing funding for the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund is absolutely critical to the continued environmental health and quality of these lakes.

The Deep Creek Watershed Foundation raised and spent over \$100,000 during 2023 for a variety of projects all directly supportive of DCL and its watershed. More is needed and this SB 1094 will help to ensure it is applied against some of the State's best environmental treasures!

**Please vote this bill out of your committee favorably so that the money is available for lakes throughout the State, the amount of money is increased, and the fund's life is extended.**

Very Respectfully, Bob Hoffmann

President, Deep Creek Watershed Foundation

# **Higgins Testimony in Favor of SB 1094.pdf**

Uploaded by: Roger Higgins

Position: FAV

Testimony in Favor of SB 1094

To the Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:

As a part and now full-time resident of the Hazelhurst area of Deep Creek Lake in Swanton, Garrett County, Maryland, for the past 46 years and a member of the Property Owners' Association of Deep Creek Lake, I write to express my strong support for SB 1094, State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund (SLPRF), which is scheduled to be heard before the Maryland State Senate Committee on Budget and Taxation on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 1 pm.


Continued funding for the SLPRF will help protect and restore the 16 lakes, including Deep Creek Lake, that are owned by the State of Maryland. Annual appropriations dedicated to the SLPRF are essential to implementing and sustaining both long and short-term projects to improve the environmental quality and recreational viability of our States' lakes.

Maryland has a rich history of investing in the protection and restoration of bodies of water, especially the Chesapeake Bay. I urge you to continue to invest similarly in the state-owned lakes in order to preserve and protect them for our posterity. My family and I, including my two young grandchildren, have enjoyed activities on the lake for many years. It is my hope that their grandchildren will also be able to do the same.

I urge you to support SB 1094.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roger W. Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Roger W. Higgins  
234 Hazelhurst Lane  
Swanton, MD 21561  
February 27, 2024

# **Crawford Testimony in Favor of SB 1094.pdf**

Uploaded by: Susan Crawford

Position: FAV

Testimony in Favor of SB 1094

To the Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:

As a part and now full-time resident of the Hazelhurst area of Deep Creek Lake in Swanton, Garrett County, Maryland, for the past 70 years and a member of the Board of Directors of the Property Owners' Association of Deep Creek Lake, I write to express my strong support for SB 1094, State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund (SLPRF), which is scheduled to be heard before the Maryland State Senate Committee on Budget and Taxation on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 1 pm.

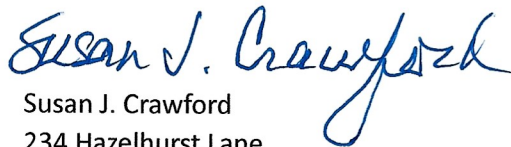
Continued funding for the SLPRF will help protect and restore the 16 lakes, including Deep Creek Lake, that are owned by the State of Maryland. Annual appropriations dedicated to the SLPRF are essential to implementing and sustaining both long and short-term projects to improve the environmental quality and recreational viability of our States' lakes.

Maryland has a rich history of investing in the protection and restoration of bodies of water, especially the Chesapeake Bay. I urge you to continue to invest similarly in the state-owned lakes in order to preserve and protect them for our posterity. My grandparents brought me to Deep Creek Lake as a child in 1954, and now my young grandchildren are enjoying activities on the lake. It is my hope that their grandchildren will also be able to do the same.

I urge you to support SB 1094.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Susan J. Crawford  
234 Hazelhurst Lane  
Swanton, MD 21561  
February 27, 2024