

Bill Number: SB837/HB910

Title: "Deep Creek Lake - Lower Lake Levels - Requirement + Impact Study"

Committee:

House Environment and Transportation

Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment

Name: Lori Richards and Ken Newbaker

Position: **Favorable**

As homeowners in Garrett County, we support the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation and all those who work to protect Deep Creek Lake, the largest lake in Maryland, an important source of revenue, and most importantly, a beloved natural resource.

Submerged aquatic vegetation, including invasive plant species and aquatic nuisance plants, are much more prevalent in the Lake now than in years past. In shallower shoreline waters, it is thick and grows right to the water's surface.

We support lowering lake levels in the winter to retard the growth of these submerged plants. And we support conducting annual studies of the impact and the refill of Lake water each spring - to develop a permanent solution for all stakeholders of the Lake.

For these reasons we urge a favorable report, and we thank both Senator McKay and Delegate Hinebaugh for their leadership.