Legislative Testimony for February 16 2021 (public)

Full Name	Home Address	City	Zip Code	Representing yourself?	What organization or whom do you represent?	Legislation*	Position on Bi	Remarks	Attachment
Anthony Karwoski	1027 Omar Dr	Crownsville	21032	Yes		Bill 7-21:	Support	Should there be a clarification for care of someone who is temporarily disabled and released from a rehabilitation center or therapy center to home care. In general, the caretaker should have access to pools, recreation facilities and indoor and outdoor spaces for the purposes of said care and may not be restricted in such access.	
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Dawn Myers	876 CHESTNUT TREE DR	Annapolis	21409	No	Cape St. Claire Improvement Association	Bill 8-21:	Support	Our position is to support the legislation with Councilwoman Fiedler's proposed amendments. See attached testimony.	YES
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Kyle Pullen	594 Pasture Brook Road	Severn	21144	Yes		Bill 9-21:	Support	This is a common sense bill to re-assess needs of a emergency powers. It is not laborious nor unnecessary and should be passed to maintain proper checks and balances.	
Paul J Arcand II	701 Conover Lane	Pasadena	21122	Yes		Bill 9-21:	Support	First I thank each council member for your service to our county and want each of you to know I personally pray for each of you regularly. Councilwoman Fiedler is offering a very reasonable bill to keep the council and the public in the loop as well as holding the future council accountable to their duty to represent their constituents during a declared Civil emergency. I strongly urge the council to approve this commonsense bill which is good for either political party. Thank you, Pastor Paul J. Arcand II	
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Testimony of Dawn Myers, Cape St. Claire Improvement Association

Bill 8-21: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement – Permits – Residential Piers and Riparian Rights- SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

Chairman Lacey and Members of the County Council,

As a representative of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association (CSCIA), I would like to thank Councilwoman Fiedler for introducing this legislation and the Council for its consideration.

On April 7, 2020 a barge pulled up next to Cape St. Claire's (CSC) community beach and quickly erected a large pier, blocking resident access and creating an eyesore. The CSCIA had no prior notice of this pier construction and was not contacted for approval as the riparian rights owner and covenants enforcer.

Photo Credit: William Aucoin

CSC's Main Beach begins at the "x" in the upper right and the CSCIA owns the open space near the inlet on the left. Our once beautiful community beach was permanently marred and access to the inlet completely blocked, despite the beach property being zoned open space, building approval covenants in place, and the community owning the riparian rights.

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The CSCIA engaged an attorney and was forced to go to court to defend the community's rights. After spending over $40,000 in legal fees and court costs, the CSCIA was able to have the pier removed and resident beach access restored.

CSC has approximately 2,300 homes and 8,000 residents. If we were a typical community, we would have lacked the financial resources needed to mount a fight and the state and county levers of government would have been used to advance the interests of a few wealthy waterfront landowners at the expense of the rest of the community.

The CSCIA would like legislation to prevent this from not only happening to our community again, but to any community. The counties and MDE should not be able to ignore community property rights when approving a permit that so detrimentally harms the assets and amenities of a community.

The CSCIA supports amending this legislation to require permit applicants to provide to community associations proof of notification of construction permit applications. This notification would allow the groups like the CSCIA an opportunity to defend our riparian rights or covenants to the county prior to the permit being issued.