

Resolution 2020-005 (June 29, 2020)

Advocacy Policy

WHEREAS, Chesapeake Legal Alliance has a policy advocacy that was last updated in 2017. The policy permits the Executive Committee to approve the taking of position by CLA on a case-by-case basis, providing the Board of Directors with ten days' advance notice. The current policy identifies certain position that the Board has authorized Chesapeake Legal Alliance to publicly advocate.

RESOLUTION

The Chesapeake Legal Alliance is authorized to publicly advocate for the following positions:

1. that funding be approved or increased, or not diminished, for programs affecting the health of the Chesapeake Bay;
2. that the Chesapeake Bay or any portion of the Bay or its water should be protected from degradation; and
3. the provisions of the Clean Water Act and corresponding state laws which provide protection for the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries should not be weakened.

Chesapeake Legal Alliance is authorized to make public policy statements, including press releases, and to author or join public policy letters and statements to Federal, State, and local Government officials, on these issues, as well as on positions that are consistent with the then-current version of Chesapeake Legal Alliance's Strategic Plan.

In the event Chesapeake Legal Alliance proposes to file any amicus brief in any proceeding, prior written authorization shall be secured from the Board or its delegate for this purpose. For purposes of filing amicus submissions, the Board Litigation Committee is a delegate of the Board.

In the event Chesapeake Legal Alliance proposes to testify at any public hearing or to directly influence legislation, prior written authorization shall be secured from the Board or its delegate for this purpose. For purposes of testifying at any public hearing or attempt to influence

legislation, the Board Litigation Committee is a delegate for this purpose.

Any proposed amicus submission, testimony at a public hearing, or attempt to directly influence legislation shall be supported by a concise summary identifying the: forum, context, proposed position, timing, and any past actions by the Board that may be relevant to the

proposed action, and the summary shall be distributed to all members of the Board a reasonable time in advance of the deadline.