WASHINGTON — A leading opponent of the effort to legalize same-sex marriage in Maryland said high-profile congressional hearings Tuesday to argue that the Internal Revenue Service targeted a list of its donors to an adversarial group just as it was mounting a campaign to get gay marriage on the ballot.

By John Fritze

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CARTER SCOTT

The Baltimore Sun

Short life marred by a milieu of violence

Relatives of slain boy, 1, often lived chaotic lives

When Carter Scott was born, his family was embroiled in allegations of violence. His father was sitting in a jail cell, accused of murder.

And in May, the 1-year-old boy became the victim of deadly violence when he and his father were shot in what police said was a targeted attack. The father survived, the son died.

Members of the child's family have left the Baltimore area, as his aunt and neighbors alleged he had been beaten.

By Ian Duncan

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American shad once thronged the Susquehanna River, but by the 1980s, their numbers were so low that the river was virtually shad-free. The American shad population has now fallen sharply since 2001.

For 10 years after the east fish lift at the Conowingo Dam opened in 1991, the American shad population in the Susquehanna rebounded and remained relatively strong. But this year only 12,713, the fewest since the facility began operating, made the trip across the dam; experts are trying to find out why.

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The parties are also talking about how to restore American shad, another species at risk, to the Susquehanna, where they once thrived, and to keep them from the same fate. Some suspect other species have been tracking the species' travails for decades. The number of American shad appears to have declined over the past two decades. The number lifted over Conowingo Dam has fallen from a peak of 7 million pounds in 1890 to just 24,000 pounds in 1980. Worried state officials finally banned fishing for them, a moratorium that has never been lifted.

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The American shad's spawning grounds were all the way to the Atlantic Ocean, but it's believed to be a big migration. The Atlantic Ocean, it's a major factor in the fish's decline. Shad are anadromous, meaning they spend part of their lives in the salty waters of the ocean, but they're scarce these days. The number lifted over Conowingo Dam has fallen sharply since 2001.

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Conowingo Dam operators of the four upriver dams also built a fishway to reopen long-closed spawning areas, which on the Susquehanna Commonwealth's largest tributary. With Exelon seeking federal permission to continue producing power for another 46 years, environmentalists and others say the company ought to be required to take action — and potentially costly — new measures to enhance fish passage, improve water quality and generally restore the river's ecological health.

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