

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 25, 2018

The Honorable Pat Roberts  
Chairman  
328A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-6000

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Ranking Member  
328A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-6000

Dear Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow:

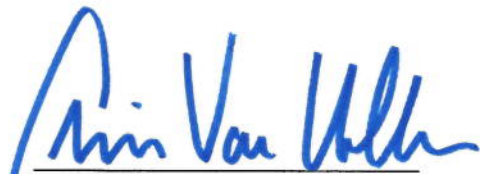
As the Senate Agriculture Committee considers the upcoming Farm Bill, we urge you to consider inclusion of the Chesapeake Bay Farm Bill Enhancements Act.

The bill makes a number of changes to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) through additional funding, enhancing critical conservation areas, and boosting technical assistance. These provisions are necessary to ensure that CCA partnerships are consistent with national, regional and state priorities and generate outcomes that address critical resource concerns, such as the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. They will also address issues experienced by stakeholders in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.


The bill has broad, bipartisan support from the Governors of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and the Mayor of Washington D.C. Furthermore, over 70 different organizations such as the Chesapeake Bay Commission, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the Choose Clean Water Coalition support the bill. Identical legislation has been introduced in the House of Representatives.

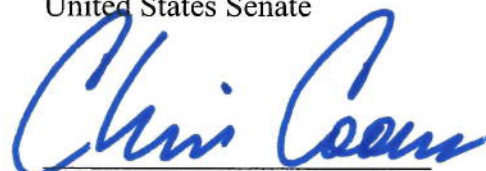
Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this important request. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that our regional Bay economy continues to thrive and that all Americans can enjoy this treasure for generations to come.

Sincerely,

  
Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senate

  
Thomas R. Carper  
United States Senate

  
Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senate

  
Christopher A. Coons  
United States Senate

*Mark R Warner*

Mark R. Warner  
United States Senate

*Tim Kaine*

Tim Kaine  
United States Senate

*Joe Manchin, III*

Joe Manchin, III  
United States Senate

*Shelley Moore Capito*

Shelley Moore Capito  
United States Senate

*Kirsten Gillibrand*

Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate

*Bob Casey, Jr.*

Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
United States Senate