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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator for Maryland
730 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

RE: Support for the Chesapeake National Recreation Area

Dear Senator Van Hollen,

I write to you today on behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, Maryland to express support for the Chesapeake National Recreation Area (CRNA). The development of the Chesapeake National Recreation Area would bring much-needed national recognition of the importance of the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake National Recreation Area will tell the stories of the nation's largest estuary and one of the world's largest environmental restoration efforts, including the people who have contributed to it. Creating the CNRA will also support efforts to protect the Bay and strengthen local businesses. The CNRA will spark environmentally conscious tourism that supports those in the food, lodging, outdoor recreation, and travel businesses. Baltimore is known for such wonderful attractions and amenities; it would give me great pleasure to advocate for the creation of the Chesapeake National Recreation Area.

In service,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor City of Baltimore