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Senator Christopher Van Hollen
United States Senate
730 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Van Hollen,

I am pleased to write to you to express my wholehearted support of your legislation to designate a Chesapeake National Recreational Area as part of the National Park Service. Establishing a Chesapeake National Recreational Area is not only a significant step towards safeguarding this invaluable resource but also an opportunity to foster environmental awareness and promote sustainable recreation. Under the stewardship of our remarkable National Park Service, I am confident this action will highlight the landscape and the national significance of our country's largest estuary.

Our Bay is an ecological treasure of immense importance, providing a vital habitat for countless species of plants, animals, and marine life. Its vast wetlands, scenic shores, and diverse ecosystems contribute significantly to the health and balance of our environment. Additionally, the Chesapeake Bay holds an extraordinary amount of history that has played a role in shaping the region and our country as a whole, including critical stories from communities that have been historically oppressed and underrepresented. As evidenced by the extensive workgroup that has shaped this legislation, I am excited by the opportunity the Chesapeake National Recreational Area has to use federal resources in order to highlight the experiences and lives of those who played, and continue to play, an essential role in the cultural and economic success of the region.

A Chesapeake National Recreation Area is critical to the future and preservation of the Bay. I applaud you for your leadership on the issue as we all continue to develop and advance policy that safeguards our cherished resource, while maximizing its educational, economical, and recreational uses for the public. Thank you for your continued work on this proposal and protecting the Bay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dana Jones' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Delegate Dana Jones