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U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen  
Congressman John Sarbanes  
730 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Chesapeake National Recreation Area

Honorable members of the Senate and Congress,

I am writing to express our support of the Chesapeake National Recreation Area proposed legislation. Since the United States Lighthouse Society restoration began in 2007, we have worked tirelessly to restore and maintain Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse and open the facility for public tours.

The CNRA will enhance the opportunity to showcase the beautiful heritage of the Chesapeake Bay and provide opportunities for more public access to the treasures of the greater Chesapeake Bay area. Through this legacy legislation, the public will have an opportunity to see wonderful experiences and keep our history alive.

For 16 years, over 5,000 people have visited Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse and we look forward to increasing the public exposure to see this National Historic Landmark as well as other great attractions all over the bay.

We are convinced, under the stewardship of the National Park Service, the public will gain enhanced experiences with the bay for generations to come.

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