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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Ben Grumbles, *Secretary*
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21230

RE: *Draft Management Strategies for Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*

Dear Secretaries Belton and Grumbles:

We received your letter of April 3, 2015, regarding the availability for public review of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Draft Management Strategies. Comments are due by April 30, 2015. We are attempting to wade through the 400+ pages that make up the compilation of draft management strategies. Our desire is to provide meaningful feedback from the local government perspective. However, we are finding this to be quite overwhelming given the size of the document(s) and the amount of time given for public comment. We can by no means offer comprehensive comments with so little time. **We request and strongly urge you to work with the Chesapeake Bay Program to extend the deadline to submit comments to allow additional time for review and formulation of meaningful feedback.** We suggest a minimum of 60 additional days for public review.

Your letter also mentioned that another meeting was to be scheduled this month for local government. The end of the month is one week away, and we have not received any further information on this meeting. With busy schedules, we would appreciate greater than one week's notice for this meeting. **Please continue to keep us up-to-date** on the status of scheduling this meeting.

Sincerely,

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