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Secretary Ben Grumbles
Chair, Principals' Staff Committee
Maryland Department the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21230

Dear Secretary Grumbles:

Members of the Local Government Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Executive Council (LGAC) support adoption of the *Memorandum of Understanding on Using Citizen and Non-traditional Partner Monitoring Data to Assess Water Quality and Living Resource Status and Our Progress Toward Restoration of a Healthy Chesapeake Bay and Watershed*.

Increasing the availability of quality assured data from volunteer and nontraditional partner monitoring enables local governments to make better informed decisions about where to target resources. We welcome the opportunity to advise the CMC and other signatories to the MOU, on creating and marketing an open-access clearinghouse of quality assured environmental data.

Members of LGAC understand the value of increasing citizen and nontraditional monitoring and, therefore, commit to join the signatories to the MOU in raising awareness of the CMC by promoting the initiative through our networks. Thank you for your continued efforts to support science based restoration.

Sincerely,

Bruce R. Williams, Chair

Cc: Principals' Staff Committee



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