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Citizens Advisory Committee
TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

December 10, 2013

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chair, Chesapeake Executive Council
District of Columbia
Office of the Mayor
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 316
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Honorable Members of the Chesapeake Executive Council,

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Chesapeake Executive Council held a quarterly meeting on December 5-6, 2013. During our business meeting we discussed the issues of governance that are raised by the Chesapeake Bay Commission in their December 4, 2013 letter to you as Chair of the Executive Council. CAC agrees with the Chesapeake Bay Commission that the current draft of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement raises questions about the future of how the Bay Program partnership will operate with regard voting and decision making and in particular, the development, implementation and reporting of the Agreement's management strategies.

CAC is supportive of recognition and inclusion of the headwater states in the Bay Program partnership. We have a New York member who brings a valuable and thoughtful perspective to our Committee. We hope to have representatives from Delaware and West Virginia become members in the coming year.

We encourage you, the new Executive Council Chair, and the rest of the Executive Council to consider the issues of governance during the final phases of the draft Agreement. It is critical for all the partners to understand how the next evolution of the Chesapeake Bay Program is changing as a result of the Bay Agreement.

Thank you for your continued leadership in the protection and restoration of the nationally treasured Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Sincerely,

R. John Dawes
Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee



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