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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer,

On behalf of the Chesapeake Executive Council, which includes the governors of six states, the mayor of Washington, D.C., and the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and which establishes policy direction for the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay, I am writing to voice our opposition to the House-passed budget rider, known as the Goodlatte amendment (#354), to the *Make American Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act* (H.R. 3354). This amendment alters EPA enforcement policies and procedures for the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). While we are not opposed to updates and improvements to EPA enforcement policies and procedures, we believe the states and the District of Columbia are best positioned to find the necessary balance with the federal government in advancing cooperative Federalism and meeting all commitments under the Clean Water Act and the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

We appreciate continued Congressional funding and support for the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership, and we urge you to oppose this amendment to ensure continued progress toward a restored Chesapeake Bay. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan
Chair, Chesapeake Executive Council, and
Governor, State of Maryland