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Rebecca Hanmer, Director
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
410 Severn Avenue, Suite 109
Annapolis, MD 21403

Re: COG appointments to financing authority implementation committee

Dear Ms. Hanmer:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), I am writing to request the appointment of two COG representatives, the Hon. Penelope Gross and the Hon. Andrew Fellows, to the new Bay Program committee that we understand has been charged with developing the details of the proposed Chesapeake Bay Financing Authority. We would also like to appoint the Hon. Andrew MacDonald as an alternate. All three candidates bring a wealth of local government experience, especially dealing with environmental issues such as the Bay restoration effort.

Ms. Gross is a member of the Fairfax County, Virginia Board of Supervisors and was a founding member of COG's Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee, on which she still serves. She was also a member of the Chesapeake Bay Program's Blue Ribbon Finance Panel and is presently a member of the Bay Program's Local Government Advisory Committee.

Mr. Fellows is a member of the College Park, Md., City Council and is also a member of COG's Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee.

Mr. MacDonald is a member of the Alexandria, Va., City Council and is also a member of COG's Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this request. Should you have any questions, please contact Stuart Freudberg, COG's Director of Environmental Programs, at 202-962-3340 or sfreudberg@mwcog.org.

Sincerely,

Judith F. Davis, Chair, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors
Mayor, City of Greenbelt