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The Honorable Ben Cardin
509 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Cardin:

I recently read an article published in the Bay Times that you hosted a Chesapeake Bay Restoration Roundtable with educators, researchers, nonprofit organization leaders and advocates of the Chesapeake Bay. I am happy to hear that you agree that the fastest growing source of concern for Bay health is quelling sediment runoff, an issue that I and the Clean Chesapeake Coalition have been voicing concern over, for the past five years.

I implore you to hold New York and Pennsylvania accountable to their Watershed Improvement Plans so that the new WIP program for the Conowingo Dam can be successful.

I, and Clean Chesapeake Coalition Director Chip MacCleod hope to be invited to your next roundtable regarding the Chesapeake Bay, where we can discuss the coordinated effort of federal, state and county efforts to mitigate the sediment runoff stemming from the reservoir behind the Conowingo Dam.

Sincerely,

Alan J. McCarthy
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Cc: **Chip MacCleod, Director, Clean Chesapeake Coalition**