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Support for Conowingo Dam and License to Excelon

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To: elder.ghigiarelli@maryland.gov

Dear Mr. Elder Ghigiarelli, , Deputy Program Administrator for Wetlands and Waterways

I've been asked to send you a letter (email) on why I believe that you should approve the license with Excelon, the now company running the Conowingo Dam. Several years ago my husband and I were able to take a tour of the dam and its workings and were very impressed with the tour. We were shown the turbines and all of the workings; how if one turbine goes down how the others will take up the load. We were shown the elevator that the dam uses to take the fish from the lower dam to the upper dam to mate; shown all the offices and workings of the dam.

Excelon also showed us how they support the bald eagles that nest in the forest on the PA side of the dam. Every year they have a photo contest of the pictures that have been taken of these eagles many of which are housed in a museum on the MD side of the bridge. Here they also have a simplified model of the workings of the dam and many pictures of it though the years.

They have fishing areas available on the lower dam on the MD side for the local fishermen and their families to fish and have picnics. We were told of the alarms that they use to let the people on the lower dam know when they are opening more gates to allow the water from the upper dam to the lower dam.

With this tour we were very impressed with the Excelon's running of the facility. We believe they should be given a license to continue to run it.

Sincerely:

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