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Relicense Conowingo Dam

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to support relicensing the Conowingo Dam.

I have been a lifetime supporter of the dam. I'm 63 years old and now live in Cecil County. I grew up in Wilmington, Delaware and first visited the dam when I was about 8 or 9 years of age. My father made sure I knew about great engineering feats. To this day when I travel I make side trips to see things such as the Hoover Dam, the Golden Gate Bridge, the famed cantilever bridge in Quebec, and so on. These things are parts of our heritage.

So I was quite excited as a young lad to visit the dam. We took the tour of the powerhouse.

Now that I live close by and the dam is such a site for bald eagles I visit frequently.

Besides my sentimental attached the dam is a vital structure and resource for the region. It is perhaps our main source of clean energy. For this reason alone it needs to be relicensed. Hydropower is a core pillar of renewable energy.

The dam provides jobs and is an economic driver.

Historically the Conowingo Dam has it's place. I believe it was, for a brief period, the largest continuous concrete pour in history. It has it's spot as an engineering marvel.

In short, I support the Conowingo Dam and firmly believe it should be relicensed.

All the best,

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