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exelon corp lease renewal for Conowingo Dam

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I am a long time Maryland resident of the Bay area. I want to express my concern that the State Government, as well as relevant Federal oversight agencies, exercise the utmost care in assuring that the new lease for operating Conowingo takes into full consideration the wide array of impacts that the dam management has on the health of the Bay and the various stakeholders that use and depend on it. These stakeholders of course include commercial and recreational fishing, aquaculture enterprises and other recreational users, as well as environmentalist such as myself who have devoted years of effort to the Bay's restoration.

The current loose control over the timing of water releases needs to be corrected in any future lease agreement. Similarly, the future impact of the growing legacy of sediment buildup behind the Bay must be taken into account. Our State government is the principal steward for assuring that Bay's huge asset value is properly safeguarded for all citizens current and future. I trust it will exercise due diligence accordingly in this contractual process.

Respectfully,

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