

My name Michael Lundberg and I come to you today as a citizen of New Kent County, an advocate for Virginia's critically important rivers and supporter of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Since I was 8 years old I've lived along the Chesapeake Bay, Chickahominy River and Diascund Creek. I spent a lot of time on rivers and creeks swimming, skiing, fishing, enjoying fresh seafood and just exploring. I've seen blue crabs, oysters, mollusks, water grasses, Blue Herons, and many other flora and fauna thrive. Sadly, some are now under great pressure from development and other sources.

We applaud Governor Youngkin's proposed budget amendments supporting practical efforts to improve Virginia's wastewater treatment plants and agricultural cost-sharing to help farmers to adopt important conservation practices including forested buffers, fencing livestock from streams, cover crops, and other practices.

From the Chesapeake Bay, a blue crab stock assessment is a needed tool to help ensure an increase in a healthy blue crab population in the future. Likewise, support for Virginia fisheries will help ensure the availability of fresh and healthy seafood.

We don't have to look far to recognize the importance of improving these areas of our environment. Virginia waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay, are among the state's most

precious resources, providing recreation opportunities drinking water and many jobs.

Thank you for your support of these measures.

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