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Senate Education, Health and Environment Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support Senate Bill 311, "Chesapeake Conservation Corps"

Dear Chairman Conway and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is pleased to join with other conservation groups in urging your support of Senate Bill 311, "Chesapeake Conservation Corps."

SB 311 will create a service corps of young adults and retirees that promotes environmental stewardship.

It will help to motivate and educate a new generation of young people to promote, preserve and protect the environment by providing them with meaningful work – work that will also train them for careers in the emerging green workforce.

The Chesapeake Conservation Corps will foster public-private partnerships, encourage the expansion of the green jobs sector and enable the business community to join with the state to meet our shared conservation and environmental goals.

Finally, the Chesapeake Conservation Corps will conduct meaningful on-the-ground projects that will assist us in meeting our state goals to reduce greenhouse gas pollution, restore the Chesapeake Bay and create new green jobs.

We wish to thank the committee for its consideration and respectfully request a favorable report.

Cindy Schwartz
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For more than 30 years, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters has been the independent political voice for the environment in our state. Maryland LCV is dedicated to making environmental protection and restoration a top priority for Maryland's elected officials, appointed leaders, candidates and voters. The Maryland League of Conservation Voters advocates for sound conservation policies, works to get pro-environment candidates elected, and holds elected officials accountable for their votes and actions.

