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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401**

Senate Bill 837 – Deep Creek Lake – Lower Lake Levels – Requirement and Impact Study

February 18, 2024

Dear Chairman Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Committee

I am writing to strongly endorse Senate Bill 837 – Deep Creek Lake – Lower Lake Levels – Requirement and Impact Study. This bill will require the Water and Science Administration within the Maryland Department of the Environment to have Brookfield Power Piney & Deep Creek LLC to lower the level of Deep Creek Lake for 4 weeks between November 30<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>. In this time the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a study at the time the lake is lowered. This is to determine what the impact is on the surrounding environment when the lake is lowered. This will take place over the next four years from the current year, 2024 until 2028.

The funding for this will come from State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund, the Deep Creek Lake Recreation Maintenance and Management Fund, or any other source appropriate for funding. I thank you all for your time and ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay

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