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February 23, 2022

The Honorable Michelle Guyton Lowe House Office Building, Room 306 6 Bladen St. Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Support for HB 749 – Natural Resources – Maryland Park Explorers Grant Pilot Program- Establishment

Dear Delegate Guyton and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support of House Bill 749, which establishes a Maryland Explorers Pilot program within the Department of Natural Resources to serve youth within Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Calvert counties.

This initiative aligns with our mission to "create opportunities, enjoy life, explore nature and restore health and wellness". If Anne Arundel County receives this appropriation it would allow us to expand our natural resources and environmental programing, both within our department as well as with our ongoing relationship with the Anne Arundel County Board of Education.

Thank you for considering my support of this bill. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-222-7867.

Sincerely,

Jessica Leys Director