

SAMPLE EMAIL:

Senators Conway, & Edwards,

As a member of the Deep Creek Lake Property Owners Association and a longtime Maryland resident, we are writing to express our strong support for SB 501, State Lakes Protection & Restoration Fund. Without the proper protection and restoration, all of these tremendous state resources will deteriorate and lose their enormous value to the many residents that both rely on and enjoy them. The State has invested time and money to establish and promote these lakes and as a result they have become important parts of many different communities throughout our State.

For example, Deep Creek Lake, in addition to being one of the State's most important tourist and recreational assets, is the economic engine of Garrett County. As a result, its future is critically important to a large number of residents and businesses in the County and beyond. Without annual dedicated funding from the State, these critically important assets could go away. The State has a wonderful history of allocating resources and funding to water bodies in other parts of the State such as the Chesapeake Bay. The time has come to take make similar investments in our state owned lakes.

We ask for your support and that of your colleagues for SB 501. Together we can protect and restore a vital asset of the State, its residents and our environment.

Regards,

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