



April 26, 2021

Senator Ben Cardin
United States Senate
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cardin:


Thank you for working with your distinguished colleagues, Senator Chris Van Hollen and Congressman John Sarbanes, to protect the Chesapeake Bay region. The leadership and thousands of members of Negative Population Growth, Inc. wish you much success in this effort – and we fully agree with you that this fragile ecosystem deserves to be protected from further development.

Negative Population Growth, Inc. (NPG) was founded in 1972 to educate all Americans, including our nation's leaders, about the need for policies designed to slow, halt, and eventually reverse population growth. NPG publishes short papers on issues related to population size and growth; we issue press releases to the national media to make our position known on various topics; we place advertisements in nationally-distributed publications to educate as many Americans as possible; and, we work with students of all ages by offering Teacher's Packets and scholarships in order to reach more young people on this critical topic. Since 1972, NPG has worked to promote the need for, and the many benefits of, a smaller, truly sustainable U.S. population. We promote the two-child family and we support a reduction in immigration levels to no more than 200,000 per year. These policies would allow our population to shrink, over the course of several generations, and eventually stabilize at a much smaller number.

As you continue your work to protect the ecological treasure that is the Chesapeake Bay, please remember the role of population size and growth. Home to more than 18 million people, this fragile region is at full capacity. According to the Chesapeake Bay Program, the population of this area has more than doubled since 1950, and it has increased by 43% since 1980. The best way to ensure its continued beauty and functionality is to reduce growth – the number of people, the development and paving that must follow, and the constant need for more and bigger. NPG has published on the Chesapeake Bay in the past, and I have enclosed a copy of that paper for your perusal. We also conducted an educational campaign and offered a classroom poster to the thousands of teachers within the Bay watershed to help them see the connection between population size and growth and the deterioration of the Bay, a copy of which is also enclosed.

Again, thank you for your leadership in protecting this ecological treasure.

Sincerely,


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