



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Anacostia River and its tributaries

January 26, 2010

The Honorable Jamie Raskin
James Senate Office Building, Room 122
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Raskin,

Thank you for introducing the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Consumer Act of 2010 to the Maryland General Assembly. It is an important bill for improving regional waterways including the Anacostia River. The Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee (AWCAC) strongly supports this bill and has sent letters in support of it to all members of the Anacostia Delegation in the General Assembly.

Local rivers and streams have a problem with trash. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website at http://mapping2.orr.noaa.gov/portal/AnacostiaRiver/envsetting_trashdebris.html, an estimated 20,000 tons of trash enter the Anacostia River every year, and a significant portion of these are plastic bags. These bags can end up in the Atlantic Ocean where they continue to harm sea life. The passage of this Act will help curtail the unnecessary use of these bags.

Thank you for your efforts in restoring our waterways.

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