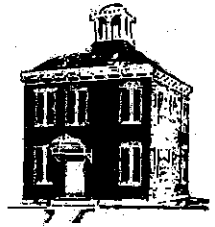


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July 27, 2016

Senator Benjamin L. Cardin  
Western Maryland Railway Station  
13 Canal Street, Room 305  
Cumberland, MD 21502

Dear Senator Cardin:

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce supports completion of the rewatering of the Western Terminus of the C&O Canal in Cumberland.

Operating for nearly 100 years, the C&O Canal was a lifeline for communities along the Potomac River as coal, lumber and agricultural products floated down the waterway to market. The C&O Canal National Park preserves America's early transportation history and one of the most famous channels of commerce in the United States. Securing federal funding for the completion of the rewatering project will ensure the Western Terminus of the C&O Canal endures as a pathway for discovering historical, natural and recreational treasures and remains a focal point for tourism and revitalization efforts in Western Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart C. Czapski'.

Stuart C. Czapski  
Executive Director