



June 21, 2013

The Honorable Scott Rigell  
United States House of Representatives  
418 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rigell:

On behalf of the Hampton Roads Global Commerce Council, thank you for requesting our support of the Virginia Jobs and Energy Act (H.R. 1782). As you are aware, the HRGCC is dedicated to promoting the international commerce of the United States and of the Port of Hampton Roads in particular.

The HRGCC is proud to support the Virginia Jobs and Energy Act. Responsible harvesting of the energy resources off the coast of Virginia will have a positive impact on international commerce in our Port and serve to diversify our region's economy. We are confident that this bill will expand the opportunities available to myriad Hampton Roads industries, including the maritime and transportation communities.

We request that you remain mindful of protecting commercial maritime interests and any potential obstructions to navigation in the approaches to Hampton Roads. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if the HRGCC can be of any further assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Coleman  
President

Cc: Shannon Kendrick, District Director  
HRGCC Board of Directors