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The Honorable Scott Rigell
U.S. House of Representatives
418 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Virginia Jobs and Energy Act (H.R. 1782)

Dear Congressman Rigell:

On behalf of the Virginia Port Authority, I am writing to express our support for the Virginia Jobs and Energy Act (H.R. 1782) and to commend your efforts to introduce this important legislation. We support the goal of making this nation energy independent and this can only be accomplished by domestically developing our traditional sources such as oil and gas along with renewable such as wind and nuclear.

As you know, the Hampton Roads economy is in need of diversification with approximately 47% of our economy being defense oriented. While the Port of Virginia is also a significant contributor to Virginia's economy, generating \$41.1 billion in revenues and employee compensation of \$13.5 billion to 343,000 employees, it is imperative that we develop new industries and jobs for future generations. We strongly support your bi-partisan approach to lift the moratorium on energy exploration on the Outer Continental Shelf in a responsible and environmentally friendly manner. Further, we applaud your framework for revenue sharing between the Federal Government and the Commonwealth.

The Virginia Port Authority looks forward to working with you and the Virginia congressional delegation to pass H.R. 1782 in 2013. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Heather Wood, our Director of Environmental Affairs at (757) 683-2152 if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Rodney W. Oliver
Interim Executive Director