



May 15, 2023

Dear Members of Chesapeake City Council and City Manager,

As you know, the Chesapeake Alliance Leadership Circle is a pro-business group representing over ninety influential businesses leaders from over sixty-five companies in Chesapeake.

We are currently evaluating many activities and projects associated to city business, prioritizing those activities, then planning to work with the city to help advance pro-business initiatives.

We are writing in support of **PLN-REZ-2022-015** and **PLN-USE-2022-039** both associated with 4168 S. Military Highway, Chesapeake.

This project promotes economic prosperity and job creation and is consistent with the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

Approval of this project will result in a \$100 million capital investment and 250 new jobs on S. Military Highway which is mainly a light industrial / logistics area that already includes FedEx, Hoffman Beverage, Tidewater Truck Repair, Comfort Systems of Virginia, Excel Truck Shop and other container storage facilities.

We have also learned that this type of facility is very important to the Port as it is known as a cross-docking facility which allows the Port to send containers to this facility. There, the containers would be unloaded, and materials would be transported by trucks to other distribution centers. The success of the Port is based on getting these large containers off of the Port's property to allow for more containers to be unloaded. There is a great need for these cross-docking facilities as there are currently only three of these facilities in the area.

We appreciate your support in moving this project forward for our city.

Sincerely,

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David K. Ropp, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan G. Bell', is shown above the printed name.

Dan Bell, Executive Director

All attached e-signatures are authorized and approved.



Authorized E-Signatures from Chesapeake Alliance Members:

We the undersigned, as members of the Chesapeake Alliance are in strong support of the Coastal Virginia Commerce Park (aka The Williams Farm development).

*Shawn Avery, Rusty Bailey, Max Bartholomew,
Sandra Baynes, Michael Benedetto, Bill Blankenship,
Rhonda Bridgeman, Jeb Britt, Josi Brown, Diana Burke,
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