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DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

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Delegate Paul V. Milde III
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Dear Delegate Milde,

Thank you for your email and letter dated August 28, 2024.

The American Indian Resource Center, under my direction, has worked with the Patawomeck Tribe for decades. During 2008 and 2009 I and another researcher met with Del. Bill Howell (R-28th district), Speaker of the House multiple times to discuss and review the case for the Patawomeck Tribe's state recognition. The 2010 House Joint Resolution granting the Patawomeck Tribe state recognition by the Commonwealth of Virginia was passed with bipartisan support and no opposition. This effort was led by Speaker Howell, a resident of Stafford County who was familiar with Patawomeck history and their continued presence in the area.

The materials compiled in support of the Patawomeck Tribe's state recognition effort are retained by the tribe; they are not the possession of the American Indian Resource Center.

The ethnographic and archival work undertaken by researchers and students at the American Indian Resource Center meets the highest standard of professionalism in the discipline of anthropology. I join many scholars in support of that work.

With best wishes,

Danielle Moretti-Langholtz, Ph.D.