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### DENNIS H. TREACY NAMED AS VIRGINIA CITIZEN MEMBER OF TRI-STATE CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND – Maryland Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton (28<sup>th</sup> District), chair of the Tri-State Chesapeake Bay Commission (Commission), and Commission Vice-Chair Virginia Delegate Scott Lingamfelter (31<sup>st</sup> District) announce the recent appointment of Mr. Dennis H. Treacy to the Commission as the new Virginia citizen representative.

“As a recognized leader in sustainable agriculture and natural resource conservation, we know the Commission will greatly benefit by the appointment of Mr. Treacy,” said Senator Middleton. “Mr. Treacy’s leadership in guiding diverse, collaborative partnerships fits well with the Commission’s focus on advancing workable, consensus-based policies for improving the Chesapeake Bay,” added Delegate Lingamfelter.

Mr. Treacy recently stepped away from his role as Executive Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer for Smithfield Foods, Inc. and currently serves as President of the Smithfield Foundation, the nonprofit organization that acts as the philanthropic wing of Smithfield, until his retirement in late 2016. Prior to joining Smithfield Foods, Mr. Treacy was director of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; he has also served as assistant attorney general in the natural resources section of the Virginia Attorney General’s office.

“The Commission also wishes to thank Mr. John Reynolds for his outstanding service to the Commission as the Virginia citizen representative during the past six years. Mr. Reynolds strengthened the Commission’s knowledge base on land conservation, trails, parks and many additional Bay matters. Thank goodness John has pledged to continue his work with us,” said Senator Middleton.

*The Chesapeake Bay Commission is a policy leader in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. As a tri-state legislative body that advises the legislative branch of state government, it’s mission is to identify critical environmental needs, evaluate public concerns, and ensure state and Federal actions to sustain the living resources of the Chesapeake Bay. The Commission works directly with the state general assemblies and the U.S. Congress and serves as the legislative branch of the Chesapeake Bay Program.*

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