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Mr. Bryan Newland Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Department of Interior 1849 C Street, N.W. MS-4660-MIB Washington, D.C. 20240

Federal Recognition for the Mattaponi Indian Tribe & Reservation

Dear Assistant Secretary Newland,

On behalf of the Rappahannock Tribe, I write to offer our full support to the Mattaponi Indian Tribe & Reservation as they seek federal recognition. The Mattaponi Indian Tribe is a documented independent and self-governing native community that is recognized by the state of Virginia and deserves recognition on the federal level as well. It is our hope that you support the Mattaponi Indian Tribe in their fight to attain federal recognition moving forward.

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Sincerely,

G. Anne Richardson Chief of the Rappahannock Tribe