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On behalf of the Alice Ferguson Foundation's board, staff, volunteers and the more than half a million students and teachers we have served since opening our doors 65 years ago, I would like to thank Charles County government for its continued support. We are ever grateful for the funding received in 2020 through the Charles County Charitable Trust. Our first grant supported Charles County education programs. A second grant was awarded through COVID-19 relief funding. This money sustained us through a most challenging year. Our team is committed to providing Charles County teachers and students with impactful outdoor science-based experiences and mentoring to create engaging, transformative educational experiences inside and outside the classrooms. Through our experiential programs, students receive a unique opportunity to learn while at the wetlands, farmland, woods and waterways. As children spend increasing amounts of time in the digital space, appreciation of and comfort with the outdoors matters more than ever. This year alone, we have served 200 classes, approximately 6,000 Charles County Public School students in elementary, middle and high school. We have conducted systemic professional development

training for 35 Middle and High School as we all virtual curriculum training and supplemental professional development for all elementary science teachers in Charles County Public Schools. Thank you again for your time and your support for non-profits and ask that you reconsider the current budget situation. Non-profit organizations feel the effects of the pandemic and continue to operate with reduced funding and increased requests.

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Thank you,

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