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Dear Mr. Daniel,

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the Fort Howard Enhanced Use-Lease (EUL) redevelopment project. The developer currently is in default with the terms and conditions of the Programmatic Agreement for the Landing at Fort Howard dated May 2, 2013 due to actions that are outside the developer's control.

On November 20th the Fort Howard local Councilman Todd Crandell submitted a rezoning request to the Baltimore County Department of Planning to change the current zoning "DR 5.5" to ZCMP, to allow the local Dundalk community greater transparency into the project. As a result, of the Councilman's actions the project will not be moving forward until public hearings are conducted over the summer of 2016 through September of 2016. The developer's inability to move forward places him in default with the terms of the EUL lease amendment and the programmatic agreement. Going forward, VA will continue to work with Councilman Todd Crandell towards a zoning resolution and we will update the Programmatic Agreeement to reflect changes as a result of the delay.

Over the coming months the developer will continue to provide 24/7 security service and he will continue his efforts to protect the historic facilities from further decline. VA looks forward to working with Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) and the consulting parties as the project moves forward. Should you have any additional questions please call me at (202) 461-5682.

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