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Mr. Richard Tatnall Richmonds of the World Pocahontas History Project 514 North 30th Street Richmond VA 23223

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your continued work on Richmonds of the World (ROTW) as it relates to the *Pocahontas History Project*. I am proud to learn of the journeys, events and programs that have been inspired by the 400th anniversary of the death of Pocahontas in England in March 1617. The Pocahontas 400 twinning delegations to England and the associated *Pocahontas History Project* efforts are a much needed burst of community to community cooperation and collaboration – across jurisdictions and across oceans.

The legacy of the life of Pocahontas, also known as Matoaka and Rebecca Rolfe, and that of her father Powhatan, are intertwined into the history and the cultural foundation of the Commonwealth of Virginia. England is equally intertwined into Virginia's history and culture, so I am excited to see the future results of the Pocahontas History Project as it works to tell the true story of Pocahontas and Powhatan from the Virginia perspective, the English perspective, and especially the Native American perspective.

These delegations to England and the resulting four Pocahontas legacy projects should offer many quality of life benefits to all those who participate. I hope community partners will join me by doing what you can to support the delegations to England and their efforts when they return with your time, your talents, and if possible, your financial support.

Sincerely,

Senator Tim Kaine

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