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***SENATOR CARDIN PRESENTS \$510,000 “CHECK”
TO CHESAPEAKE CITY FOR COST OF
REPLACING WATER AND SEWER PIPES***

CHESAPEAKE CITY, MD -- U.S. Senator **Benjamin L. Cardin** (D-MD) today presented Mayor of Chesapeake City Bill Kiessling and other city officials with a ceremonial check for \$510,000 to compensate Chesapeake City for damages caused decades ago when the Corps of Engineers deepened the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. **Senators Barbara A. Mikulski** and Cardin have worked together to ensure Chesapeake City received reimbursement for the cost of replacing the pipes.

More than 50 years ago, the Corps removed the drinking water lines that connected the two parts of the municipality on each side of the C&D Canal. Since then Chesapeake City has maintained dual drinking water and wastewater facilities on each side of the canal. Chesapeake City has moved to replace its water and wastewater systems and to install lines that run under the Canal, servicing the whole community. The \$510,000 in federal funding will be used to reimburse the City for its current infrastructure up-grades.

“As a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I have been committed to making sure that Chesapeake City gets reimbursed for the cost of replacing the pipes,” **said Senator Cardin**. “I am pleased that the Army Corps of Engineers recognized its responsibilities and is now compensating Chesapeake City by helping to fund upgrades to its water and wastewater systems.”

“I’m so proud to have fought for this funding for Chesapeake City and to offer a resolution for its residents. This funding from the Army Corps of Engineers is critical in helping Chesapeake City maintain a clean, healthy water supply,” Senator Mikulski said. “I will continue to fight for the priorities of Cecil County communities.”

“Chesapeake City has a great friend in Senator Ben Cardin,” said Mayor Bill Kiessling. “He has done something that was said never could be done. It is great to know that someone in Washington cares about a tiny town in Cecil County. By giving us the 510,000.00 for the lines under the canal, the Town can work on one water and one sewer plant.”

Senator Cardin is as member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which has oversight responsibility for the work of the Army Corps of Engineers. Senator Mikulski is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and helped secure funding for a damage assessment study by the Corps in 2005.

