



June 27, 2023

Dear Commissioners,

As the National Governing Body for our sport, USRowing's vision is to advance the legacy of rowing by extending its transformative rewards to all. To turn this vision into a reality, we partner with over 1,400 local rowing organizations across the country, including Coastal Virginia Community Rowing (CVCR) and Virginia Beach Veteran's Rowing (VBVR). We also work closely with local governments like your own to ensure access to rowable water, safe and secure storage facilities., and locations for our regional and national events.

We appreciate any assistance you can provide to CVCR and VBVR to enable these fine local organizations to build on the legacy of rowing in Virginia. Specifically, we would like to identify a solution that provides water access to these rowing organizations at a state or local park or public school and the ability to store equipment in a secure enclosure on-site.

Nearly 5,000 Virginians are individual members of USRowing, including approximately 3,500 youth student athletes striving to be the best they can be at academics and athletics. Their dedication and passion is demonstrated at CVCR, which is led by former US National Team member Melissa Kuch.

Rowing is not just for student athletes. A vibrant community of adults also row in the Commonwealth. VBVR exemplifies USRowing's commitment to serve military veterans, including disabled veterans, just as they have served our country.

Nelson Mandela stated that "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does."

We ask for your partnership in helping these local organizations build successful rowing programs and unite the local community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Cacioppo', written over a white background.

Rich Cacioppo

Executive Director, USRowing