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Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee 475 L’Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300
Washington, DC 20260-3501

Dear Committee Members,

I would like to request that a series or group of stamps depicting Chesapeake Bay lighthouses be considered by the committee for approval. The USPS has previously issued six series of stamps on US lighthouses, including beacons on the Pacific Coast, the Great Lakes, the southeastern coast, the Gulf coast and most recently, of the New England coastal area in July of 2013, so this requested series of stamps meets all the criteria established by the committee. The Chesapeake Bay offers at least five distinct architectural styles of lighthouses found together nowhere else in the United States. These are the conical tower (the most familiar design to the American public), the caisson, the screw pile, the integral and the skeletal tower.

Some suggestions representing the many styles include **Concord Point** in Maryland (conical – second oldest lighthouse in Maryland, built in 1827), or the **Old Point Comfort Lighthouse** in **Virginia** (the second oldest lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay. For the caisson style, I would suggest **Baltimore Harbor** (first lighthouse to be powered by a nuclear reactor, built in 1908), or the durable 1894 **Wolf Trap Lighthouse** built on western side of the bay in Virginia. For screw pile, **Thomas Point Shoal** (a screw pile - the last manned lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay, built in 1875) would be an appropriate choice. For integral, **the Point Lookout** (said to be the most haunted lighthouse in America, built in 1830) and for the skeletal, the **Craighill Lower Range Rear Light** (the tallest lighthouse in Maryland, built in 1873), also known as the Millers Island Lighthouse. I recommend that the Chesapeake Chapter, U.S. Lighthouse Society be contacted to assist with determining exactly which Chesapeake Bay lighthouses should be selected for the stamp series.

More information on these lighthouses can be found on the web site of the Coast Guard Historian: http://www.uscg.mil/history/weblighthouses/USCGLightList.asp or at the Chesapeake Chapter, U.S. Lighthouse Society web site: http://www.cheslights.org

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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**You bet they can!**

**The Chesapeake Chapter of the US Lighthouse Society is executing a campaign to get the US Postal Service to issue a set of lighthouse postage stamps featuring Chesapeake Bay Lighthouses.**

**The process for requesting a topic for postage stamps is easy but formal. The Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) is the organization designated to receive and review requests for postage stamp topics. There are specific standards that must be met and we already know that Lighthouses meet all the subject-matter standards since six different sets or series of postage stamps with lighthouses have already been issued by the US Postal Service. One of the standard requirements is that all requests must be submitted to the CSAC in writing, via postal service mail.**

**The Chesapeake Chapter has prepared a standard letter request that can be downloaded, printed, filled-in and mailed to the CSAC.**

**It can be found here: http://cheslights.org/lighthouse-stamps**

**A supporter just fills in their name, address and the date in the blank lines that are in the upper right of the letter and then sign on the blank line on the bottom. Then mail the completed letter to the CSAC at their address listed in the letter. NUMBERS COUNT, PLEASE SEND IN THE REQUEST LETTER TODAY!**

**Wouldn’t it be great to see five of the many Chesapeake Bay lighthouses featured on US Postage Stamps?**

**YES IT WOULD AND WE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!!**