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The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation is the managing entity of the federally designated Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District. September 14, 2021

Mr. Frank Divilio Talbot County Council Member 11 N Washington Street Easton, MD 21601

Re: Talbot Boys Monument

Mr. Divilio,

It has been brought to our attention that there are many in your area who are continuing to fight for the Talbot Boys monument to remain in its current location. The Monument Policy of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation makes clear that the preferred and optimal long-term treatment of monuments is for them to remain where originally placed and cared for in perpetuity. No part of our response to your previous inquiry should be construed to supersede our position that, whenever possible, monuments remain unmolested in their original location.

To that end, The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation supports local efforts to preserve the monument in place; and, if removed, requests that an attempt be made to re-erect the monument in Talbott County. If and when it is evident that the monument will not and can not remain safely in Talbott County, the Foundation is committed to its offer to become its permeant steward under the terms of our letter to you dated 9/3/2021.

Sincerely

Keven Walker

Chief Executive Officer