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Dear Korean Community of Virginia,

I applaud your efforts to ensure that our school textbooks reflect an accurate understanding of history and geography in East Asia. The body of water known, alternately, as the East Sea or the Sea of Japan, should be properly labeled with both names. As Governor, one of my most solemn responsibilities will be helping to reform Virginia's education system, and ensuring that our children's understanding of the world is accurate will be of paramount importance.

I fully support efforts to use both names, East Sea/Sea of Japan, when used in maps or descriptions in Virginia's textbooks. As Governor, I will ensure that as new texts are purchased or downloaded they reflect this important historical truth by supporting legislation like that introduced by Democratic Senator Dave Marsden in 2012.

Thank you for your dedication to our Commonwealth and for standing up for what you believe in.

Sincerely,

Terry McAuliffe.