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The Honorable Tom Wolf  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Office of the Governor  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and the heart of our region's culture and economy. After three decades of federal, state, and local initiatives and investments in the Bay, we are finally witnessing real improvements toward cleaner water, increased resilience to climate change, and a renewed sense of economic sustainability.

As you know, the United States has made a national commitment to restoring the Chesapeake Bay through the federally-mandated Total Maximum Daily Loads in 2010. In the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, the watershed jurisdictions, federal agencies, and Chesapeake Bay Commission reaffirmed their support for a regional approach, including a commitment to clean water goals by 2025.

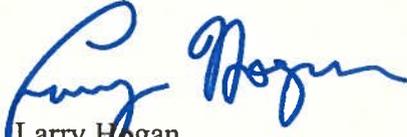
While Marylanders continue to do more to enhance and improve the Bay, we are deeply troubled that Pennsylvania's draft Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan falls short of this critical commitment. Pennsylvania's proposed plan has a significant funding gap of more than \$200 million annually, and only reaches about 70 percent of its designated goal.

As Governor of Maryland and Chair of the Chesapeake Executive Council, I am committed to rallying all the necessary financial and regulatory support you need to fully implement and complete your plan. I welcome an open and constructive dialogue with you, the Chesapeake Executive Council, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to ensure each jurisdiction meets their goals.

As a watershed, we all have much to gain by collectively reaching our 2025 goals, be it more fertile farmland, healthier streams and rivers, or growing outdoor recreation. Chesapeake Bay restoration requires federal and state engagement and investment, with success dependent on every jurisdiction.

I know that, working together, we can all leave a legacy as good and faithful stewards of the Chesapeake Bay.

Sincerely,



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