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Dear Nick,

On behalf of the Citizens Advisory Committee, we want to thank you for your service and leadership of the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership. Over your tenure as Director for the EPA Bay Program office since 2011 the Partnership has made important strides in water quality, living resources and habitat improvements, collaboration, governance and accountability.

As expressed at the November CAC meeting, we particularly appreciate your leadership in helping to focus restoration recovery into the watershed, not just the Chesapeake Bay. We recognize your effort to foster the expansion of monitoring into the non-tidal portions of the watershed, to encourage full participation of the headwater states, and stress the importance of the interconnectedness of the ecosystem.

Perhaps one of the most lasting and important accomplishments is your leadership during the development of the 2014 Chesapeake Watershed Agreement. We commend you for encouraging an extensive public participation process that helped to include goals for citizen stewardship, enhancing diversity, environmental education, local governments, climate change and toxics. The resulting Management Strategies will guide the restoration effort for years to come.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the Partnership. Congratulations on your retirement. We hope you have many opportunities to enjoy the watershed you have worked so hard to protect.

Sincerely,

Paula Jasinski
Chair, Citizens' Advisory Committee



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