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Dear Jim,

Thank you for consistently and proactively participating in the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings to provide important updates and briefings on the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership. We appreciate that you provide valuable information and resources that enhance the CAC discussion. As a follow-up on your presentation at the September 18, 2019 CAC meeting when you provided preliminary highlights of EPA's evaluations of the jurisdictions' Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs), we offer these few suggestions as a result of CAC member discussion:

1. We encourage EPA to create a simple table that effectively illustrates and depicts key elements/practices the jurisdictions are using in their Phase III WIPs. This would make it easier for the interested public and stakeholders to compare and evaluate the different approaches and provide feedback. This table could also serve as a resource for jurisdictions to calibrate their strategies and milestones with others while replicating a potential innovative approach used in another state.
2. We encourage EPA to submit their final reviews of the Phase III WIPs to the jurisdictions as soon as possible so significant enhancements or gaps can be addressed in the next round of two-year milestones.
3. We encourage EPA to closely evaluate and consider each jurisdictions' ability to: (a) carry out enforcement of existing regulations to foster equal accountability of source sector compliance across state lines; (b) fund the implementation of the Phase III WIPs; and (c) meet the provisions of the partnership's BMP verification program.

We look forward to our continued partnership and value what you bring to our quarterly meetings.

Sincerely,

Matt Ehrhart, CAC Chair

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