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March 31, 2021

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
U.S. EPA Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Chesapeake Executive Council extends our warmest congratulations on your appointment as the 16th Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. We commend your commitment to find the resources to reinstate the Special Assistant to the EPA Administrator on the Chesapeake Bay and Anacostia River.

As the EPA is the lead federal agency responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of management plans and strategies to restore our nation's largest estuary, we wanted to share with you a copy of a letter we sent to President Biden outlining what we believe to be early priorities of leadership, funding, and accountability for the Biden Administration's role in supporting the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership. We encourage you to make these recommendations a high priority during your tenure as Administrator.

We remain committed to the Chesapeake Bay Agreement's year 2025 restoration goals and urge you to use all the tools at your disposal to ensure that those goals are met including revised 2-year milestones to prioritize the agricultural best management practices that will deliver the most nitrogen reduction and adapted financing plans to optimize what can be accomplished. Additionally, we recommend the EPA encourage and support the jurisdictions to identify restoration projects they can accelerate thanks to federal funding from the American Rescue Plan.

Your attention to these matters is greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you and your staff to restore the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and protect the health of the residents in our region.

Sincerely,

Julie Patton Lawson
Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee

cc: Governor Northam, Chair, Chesapeake Executive Council
Secretary Strickler, Chair, Principals' Staff Committee
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