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August 26, 2022

Ms. Julie Lawson
Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
612 Hull Street, Suite 101C
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Dear Ms. Lawson,

Thank you for your August 8, 2022, letter to Administrator Regan, Chair of the Chesapeake Executive Council, regarding your recommendation for a stipend program to support a more diverse membership in the Chesapeake Bay Program's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). I am grateful for CAC's ongoing support of the partnership and its continued interest in advancing the August 2020 Chesapeake Executive Council *Statement in Support of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice*.

I look forward to the Citizens Advisory Committee's full set of recommendations at this year's Executive Council meeting on October 11. Your recommendations will help ensure we are considering creative ways we can continue to be more inclusive within our various authorities.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-267-5729.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kandis Boyd".

Dr. Kandis Boyd
Director
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 3

