

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Sarah K. Elfreth Maryland State Senator James Senate Office Building, Room 103 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Elfreth:

As chair of the Chesapeake Executive Council for the Chesapeake Bay Program, I am pleased to invite you to our Chesapeake Executive Council Annual Meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2022, from noon-2 p.m. at our U.S. Environmental Protection Agency headquarters office in the District of Columbia.

The theme of our 2022 Annual Meeting is the "Roadmap to 2025 and Beyond: Maintaining Momentum for an Inclusive and Healthy Chesapeake Bay Watershed." At this meeting we will explore the progress we have made in achieving the goals and outcomes set forth in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and have collaborative discussions to guide our principals on how to best focus future restoration efforts, particularly as we face challenges due to climate change.

Ensuring our activities are inclusive of all who live, work and recreate in the 64,000 square miles of the Chesapeake Bay's watershed is especially important to our collective effort. As we approach 2025, I invite you to advance the future of the Chesapeake Bay Program by bringing your ideas forward in this initial discussion.

I would be pleased to speak with you in advance of the meeting, or your staff is most welcome to contact Deputy Associate Administrator of Intergovernmental Relations John Lucey at (202) 941-1112 or lucey.john@epa.gov. I would like to ask you to direct your RSVP or logistical questions about the meeting to Carin Bisland at bisland.carin@epa.gov or Rachel Felver, Chesapeake Bay Program Communications Director at rfelver@chesapeakebay.net.

I look forward to seeing you in October and offer you my best wishes in the meantime.

Sincerely yours.

Michael S. Regan