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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

As chair of the Chesapeake Executive Council for the Chesapeake Bay Program, I am pleased to invite you to our annual meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 11:30am to 2:00pm at the Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park in Baltimore, Maryland.

Given that we are now at the halfway point of the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and are preparing for the next phase of Watershed Implementation Plans, this will be a great opportunity to celebrate our successes, acknowledge what challenges remain, and reaffirm our commitment to meeting our goals to restore the Chesapeake Bay.

I firmly believe that continued collaboration is the only way we will be able to achieve our goals, especially our new Phase III WIP goals. Working together, we can set an example for effective regional restoration efforts for the nation.

It has truly been a pleasure serving as chair of the council, and I look forward to seeing you in August. Please RSVP at your earliest convenience by contacting Rachel Felver at the Chesapeake Bay Program office at rfelver@chesapeakebay.net or (410) 267-5740.

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan, Governor
Chair, Chesapeake Executive Council