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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Paula Jasinski
Chair, Citizens' Advisory Committee to the
Chesapeake Executive Council
612 Hull Street
Richmond, VA 23224

Dear Chair Jasinski:

Thank you for your letter of March 28, 2017, to Scott Pruitt, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, expressing concern about the agency's Fiscal Year 2018 President's Budget, to be submitted to Congress in May, for the Chesapeake Bay program.

The EPA is working towards implementing the President's budget based on the framework provided by his blueprint. The agency can effectively serve the taxpayers and protect the environment. While many in Washington insist on greater spending, the EPA is focused on greater value and real results. The agency will partner with the states to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize every dollar to protect our air, land, and water. However, the EPA is unable to comment further on the FY 2018 President's Budget proposal until it is submitted to Congress and publically released.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact James Blizzard, in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at blizzard.james@epa.gov, or (202) 564-1695.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Bloom", is written over a circular blue stamp.

David A. Bloom
Acting Chief Financial Officer