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Dear Ms. Molchanow,

It has been brought to my attention that the Pennsylvania Science Standards are currently under review. As a Farmers Market Manager and Employee of a Non-Profit organization that supports, advocates for and educates the public about agriculture I am concerned that under the proposed standard changes topics including Environment, Ecology and Agriculture standards have largely **omitted** from the secondary level. This is a serious concern for educators, community members, and industry across the Commonwealth. Given its long history of conservation and its abundant natural resources. Pennsylvania should continue to be a leader in environmental education. Also, Agriculture is one of the biggest, most economically viable industries in Pennsylvania. If it is to grow, develop, and succeed we need students to be aware of and understand the connections between these essential areas of science that are at threat of disappearing from the curriculum.

This message is to implore the State Board of Education to explicitly include Environment, Ecology, and Agriculture in the standards revision. The future leaders of our Commonwealth deserve to have rich, environmental, and agricultural education opportunities!

Thank you for your consideration,
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