

Karen Molchanow Pennsylvania State Board of Education 333 Market Street, 1st Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126 Cc: ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov

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Dear Ms. Molchanow;

Thank you for reviewing the Pennsylvania Science Standards. Our scientific methods and discoveries have changed tremendously since the last review in 2002. I support efforts by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation advocating for the inclusion of specific, explicit standards for Environment, Ecology and Agriculture as part of the current curriculum revision process for our state's science standards.

Omitting these standards, and failing to educate our children on ecology, watersheds and agriculture is an incredible oversight that undercuts the ability of our communities to address proper management and cultivation of our natural resources. A failure to include these curriculum cripples our capacity to innovate toward ecologically and economically healthy communities.

A void of specific curriculum on Environment, Ecology and Agriculture is irresponsible, dangerous, and short sighted. Please see your way to include these important topics in the Pennsylvania Science Standards revisions, as they are intimately related to our ability to responsibly nurture and care for one another and the planet.

Thank you for your deep consideration and what I am sure will be your important action to explicitly include these topics.

Sincerely,

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