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Dear Ms. Molchanow,

Greetings! I'm Jessie Snyder, a retired educator, who taught elementary science in the Allentown School District for many years. Though not required, I made sure I included lessons on climate change, global warming, pesticides, and other relevant topics. The children were hungry for this knowledge! These topics were the focus of our science fair. Though young, they knew things weren't right. Climate change, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, is real and an urgent matter. We can't ignore its dire consequences. This is why I am writing.

I understand that the Pennsylvania Science, Technology, and Environment and Ecology Standards are being revised. The new proposed standards do not explicitly include Environment, Ecology, and Agriculture as performance expectations. I am sincerely asking you to create a fifth, separate domain for these three topics.

I am particularly interested, if I must choose (all are critical), Watersheds and Wetlands, Renewable and Non-renewable Resources, Environmental Health, Agriculture and Society, Integrated Pest Management, and Ecosystems and their Interactions, and anything that teaches the consequences of climate change and how to act as responsible citizens.

So much comes down to economics. If climate change is not addressed in an urgent and timely manner, our economy may be irreparably affected. We can see sea level rising and destroying army bases and large and small cities. We see the costs of wild fires in California and food shortages resulting from droughts due to high temperatures, and so much more.

If, for any reason, I would have the opportunity to speak to decision-makers of my experiences and understandings,, it would be my pleasure. I worry for all of our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for all of the work you do at this challenging time.

Sincerely yours,

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