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Dear Ms. Molchanow,

I am a retired teacher and currently volunteer in our community watershed conservation and education efforts.

It is my understanding that it is being proposed that a number of topics be removed from secondary public education.

I ask that environment, ecology and agriculture be continued and that they not be removed from the list of topics.

It is hard for me to understand why these topics are being considered for elimination. With climate change being a critical issue we are facing in our world, students need to understand what is occurring and how they can play a part in addressing it.

We need to help them understand the factual science of our natural resources and how land use decisions can impact them.

Ecology in part shows the inter relationships of animals and their habitat, If endangered species is also being considered for removal I wish that to be included.

Agriculture is a major part of Pennsylvania's economy.

Best management practices need to be explained as well as the impact we have on the Chesapeake Bay.

Our young people can bring home to their parents what values they are learning and involve their parents as well.

We are blessed with so many natural features in our state.

To provide learning how to be good stewards is an essential role of our educators.

Thank you for taking these ideas into consideration.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Fisher*

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