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Hi Karen,

I understand that the Pennsylvania Science Standards are currently under review, and that the newly proposed standards have largely omitted Environment, Ecology and Agriculture from the secondary level. This is a serious concern for educators like my wife and daughter, and community members alike; human and environmental health are inseparable, and changes to these standards will cause irreparable harm in young people's understanding of how their health, well-being and innovative opportunities are intrinsically linked to the environment.

Topics like this are especially important now that global climate change is causing disasters across our country. Please teach our children the facts, that hopefully they come up with ways to avert the pain, suffering and death that is increasing daily.

Best,

Gerry and Karen Katilius