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To the distinguished members of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission, the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and Dr. Dee Williams, Chair of the Chapter 4 Committee:

In June of 2021, 835 Pennsylvania residents who are members of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation wrote letters to the Pennsylvania State Board of Education urging that environmental standards receive a higher priority in the revised science standards, and that specifically Environment Ecology, and Ag Science be included as a fifth domain in the proposed secondary science standards. Unfortunately, due to a technical error these letters were not successfully submitted in a timely manner to the Commission.

Please find attached a workbook featuring data for the advocates who submitted letters, along with the content of their letters, as well as a letter from our Phone2Action digital advocacy system verifying that these letters were indeed completed during the June 5-July 6, 2021 comment period.

We respectfully request that the 862 letters completed by 835 Chesapeake Bay Foundation advocates in Pennsylvania be included in the record for the public comment period on the proposed standards revision for Chapter 4: Pennsylvania Science, Technology, and Environment and Ecology standards. These Pennsylvania residents spent time and energy reading and educating themselves about the issue and crafting messages in response. They ought not to be punished for a technical error.

Many thanks for your consideration and please let us know if there is any further information we can provide.

Sincerely,

**Tom Ackerman**  
 Vice President of Education  
 Chesapeake Bay Foundation

11/30/2021

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Sincerely,



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Founder, President, and Chief Strategy Officer, Phone2Action