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The Honorable Larry Hogan
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland

February 3, 2020

Dear Governor Hogan,

On behalf of the Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative (DLLC), I want to express our appreciation for your Administration's continued commitment to supporting the funding needs of agriculture and the environment as demonstrated in your proposed FY21 budget.

The DLLC is a forum of diverse partners working together to address challenges and identify solutions around chicken litter management on the Delmarva Peninsula. Formed in 2015, DLLC supports solutions for land management that will improve the productivity of agricultural lands, protect water quality, and strengthen the economy to preserve and protect the region's rural and agricultural heritage. DLLC members represent a wide variety of interests across Delmarva – from agricultural businesses, advocacy groups, and producers to conservation and environmental organizations, government agencies, and academia.

Whether it is striving to achieve the goals of the Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) or the 'path forward' as we progress through the next implementation phase of the Phosphorus Management Tool (PMT), your budget acknowledges that additional fiscal and human resources will be necessary for achieving success. In particular, we appreciate and will continue to support the following:

- Record funding of \$57MM to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund, including a record-high appropriation of \$21.4MM for agricultural conservation practices and technical assistance
- An increase of \$1MM for manure transportation to help farmers implement the Phosphorus Management Tool
- \$1.6MM and 53 new full-time positions to accelerate implementation of ag Best Management Practices to help meet Phase III WIP goals

Our membership and the groups and businesses we represent commend the Hogan Administration for funding these critical programs and positions and will continue to support their inclusion in the budget as it moves through the legislative process in Annapolis.

Thanks again for your leadership in Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts and for your continued support of Maryland's agricultural producers and rural communities.

Sincerely,

KURT H. FUCHS

CC: Senator Paul Pinsky
Secretary Joseph Bartenfelder