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Senator Bob Mensch
Room 16 East Wing
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Chairman Mensch:

As a member of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, I am writing to share my comments on the *Update of Cost Estimates for an Alternative Approach to Meeting PA's Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Reduction Targets*, which is scheduled to be approved for release on February 27, 2018.

Please know that I agree with many of the concerns expressed by the Department of Environmental Protection's letter dated January 22, 2018, and included in the draft report under Appendix B. It should be restated that while the report attempts to establish cost comparisons for reductions of one pollutant (nitrogen), the federally imposed Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requires pollution reductions for three pollutants (nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment). I believe we must be cautious in encouraging any cost comparison set forth by this report to be perceived as real or perceived savings for all sectors under the federal TMDL, since additional upgrades or BMPs may still be necessary to meet all federally required pollution reduction goals.

I thank you for the opportunity to review this draft and offer comments. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Yudichak".

John T. Yudichak
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Cc: Senator James R. Brewster, Vice Chairman
Patricia Berger, Executive Director