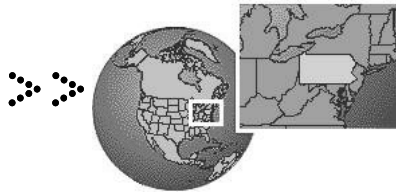


Clean Water
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SUPPORT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CLEAN WATER AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION ACT

Dear _____:

As person of faith, we strongly encourage you to join in an historic opportunity to clean up our rivers and streams and the Chesapeake Bay by supporting the **Chesapeake Bay Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act**.

This groundbreaking legislation will have a dramatic effect on reducing nutrient pollution and helping to restore water quality for the Chesapeake Bay and the thousands of miles of rivers and streams that feed it over a 64,000 square-mile area. This includes the Susquehanna River and all its tributaries, covering half of Pennsylvania's land mass and providing more than half of the freshwater that makes up the Chesapeake Bay.

Most faith traditions share a common belief that we must protect and preserve our environment and the life it sustains now and for future generations. We must make sure that we clean up our water and keep it clean in order to protect the health and safety of all that lives, works, and plays in and around our waters. This is not only good for the environment, but good for the economy—protecting Pennsylvania's fishing and tourism industries and Pennsylvanians who depend on clean, safe water for their livelihoods.

This new legislation will begin moving us more quickly toward actual clean up of the Bay and Pennsylvania waterways by:

- Establishing a firm deadline to meet clean up goals;
- Expanding funding for clean up, with specific grants and technical assistance for farmers and local governments;
- Capping the amount of pollution that can be sent downstream;
- Establishing an interstate nutrient trading program; and
- Requiring accountability and evaluation to ensure we are meeting our cleanup goals.

We urge you to support the **Chesapeake Bay Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act** now to ensure a healthy future for our environment, our economy, and our families.

Sincerely,

The undersigned representatives from Pennsylvania's many faith traditions
(see attached)

