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Ms. Joanne Throwe
Chair, Environmental Finance Advisory Board
Deputy Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Ms. Throwe:

Thank you for transmitting to EPA a report from the Environmental Finance Advisory Board (EFAB) regarding requirements of private equity capital providers for financing projects in water quality restoration in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. As requested by Region 3, this report describes the framework in which investment decisions are made and how to make environmental investment more attractive for private equity capital.

The Chesapeake Bay Program's Budget & Finance Workgroup serves as a focal point for coordination related to an overall program finance system. This workgroup, with members from federal agencies, jurisdictions, and research institutions, will examine the report and its associated model.

I appreciate the collective expertise of the Board on this project. As you are aware, Dana Aunkst (aunkst.dana@epa.gov) is the new Director of EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office. For follow-up, please coordinate with Carin Bisland (Bisland.carin@epa.gov) of his staff. I look forward to collaborating with the Board again in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cosmo Servidio", followed by a long horizontal line.

Cosmo Servidio
Regional Administrator
EPA Region III

cc:

Mr. Dana Aunkst, Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program
Ms. Sonia Brubaker, Director, Water Infrastructure Resiliency Finance Center
Mr. Edward Chu, EFAB Designated Federal Officer
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