

# Respected Farmers and Citizens for Protection of our Rural Economy & Food Supply

June 16, 2010

The Honorable Martin O'Malley  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley:

We, the undersigned farmers, concerned citizens and advocates for local food production, urge you to resist the sensationalized efforts by the so-called "senior scientists and policy leaders for the Bay" to mislead Maryland citizens about the causes of Bay pollution and the potential strategies for improvement.

For decades, farmers in the watershed have been the only sector implementing practices to reduce our impact on the Bay where the nutrient contributions have decreased rather than increased. Farmers have accomplished half of our goal for cleanup despite lagging funds, lack of state and federal technical support staff and challenges from Mother Nature.

Population increases in the state and the cost of retrofits have driven urban and suburban sectors in a negative direction – in some areas as much as negative 90% - towards reaching their clean up goals!

The idea that driving our livestock industry out of the state will improve the quality of the Chesapeake Bay is laughable. Yet, environmental fringe groups with little regard for the facts and the truth continue to recommend ill-conceived draconian regulatory regimes that will place Maryland farmers in economic turmoil, unable to compete against producers in the other states or other countries.

Maryland's poultry integrators – many of whom are local family businesses themselves - have worked with farm families to set up growing and marketing structures that provide quality meat products for consumers, assured buyers for corn and soybean producers and state-of-the-art designs for protecting water quality. Farm families and their integrators work together to address environmental challenges and protect the Bay. No one has "avoided responsibility" as environmental advocates would have you believe. In fact, no one takes the responsibility more seriously.

As you begin the process of drafting the Watershed Implementation Plan for Maryland's TMDL, we urge you to keep in mind these truths: Manure is organic fertilizer. We cannot grow food without fertilizer. Economically viable farms are the best way to protect the Bay and feed the citizens of this state. We look forward to working with you to put together a plan for the Chesapeake Bay that asks each sector to do its part in a cooperative manner with mandatory state and federal resources identified to get the job done.

Sincerely,



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President, Maryland Farm Bureau

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First Vice President, MD Farm Bureau  
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MD Sunrise Farm, LLC &  
Fair Hill Farms, Inc.  
Chestertown, Maryland

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Dairy farmers  
Garrett County

**Daniel & Rosemarie Gano**

Dairy farmers  
Garrett County

**Robert Lee Garrett**

Garrett Bros LLC  
Grain farmer  
Talbot County

**Mike and Lisa Gaver**

Gaver Family Farms  
Frederick County

**George Godfrey**

Grain & Vegetable farm  
Queen Anne's County

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Principal  
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Farming Business  
Frederick County

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Poultry farm  
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Charles County

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Quigley Farm  
Whiteford, Maryland

**Ralph Harcum**

Grain, vegetables & roadside market  
Wicomico County

**Michael Harcum**

Grain, vegetables & roadside market  
Wicomico County

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Farmer (hay production, beef cattle and horses)  
Montgomery County

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Talbot County

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Farm owner  
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Dairy Farmer  
Washington County

**Allan Hill**  
Farmer  
Kent County

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**Herman Hill, III,**  
**Christine Hill**  
Grain farmers  
Kent County

**Elyse Hladky**  
Student  
Harford County

**Matthew Hoff**  
Dairy Farmer  
Carroll County

**Henry Holloway**  
President, The Mill of Bel Air  
4 Agricultural Supply Stores in Harford and Baltimore County currently servicing 14 counties in Maryland and 4 counties in Pennsylvania and the State of Delaware  
Home office: Bel Air, Harford County

**Karen Holloway**  
Livestock & Dairy Product Manager - The Mill  
Involved with Holloway Brothers Farm and Deer Creek Beef, Inc.  
Harford County

**Andrew Holloway, DVM, PAS**  
Technical Consultant Veterinarian  
Harford County

**Kimberly C. Holloway, DVM**  
Veterinarian and farm owner/operator  
Harford County

**Larry L. Howard**  
Ag Lime Sales, Eastern Materials, Inc.  
Frederick County

**Erik Howard**  
farmer's son  
Walkersville, Maryland

**Jamie Jamison**  
Grain farmer  
Montgomery County

**William W. Kenney**  
Grist Mill Gardens, Inc.  
Greenhouse and hay operation  
Wicomico County

**Megan Keyes**  
Work with my families operations called Mt. Felix Farm and Keyes Creamery  
Harford County

**Jeffrey King & Terri Wolf-King**  
Poultry, grain and produce farmers  
Dorchester County

**Bill Knill**  
Vegetable farmers market, beef & crops  
Carroll County

**Bernie Kohl**  
Wholesale nursery grower  
Kent County

**Dr. Robert Kratochvil**  
Extension Specialist - Agronomic Crops  
University of Maryland

**Conrad Langenfelder**  
Grain & livestock farmer  
Kent County

**William Langenfelder**  
Grain & livestock farmer  
Kent County

**John W. Lee, Jr. DVM**  
**Jane Fassinger Lee, VMD**  
Veterinarians and owners of an equine breeding farm  
Cecil County

**Marylisa Leffler**  
Equine & Hay Production  
Montgomery County

**Ronnie & Betty Leggett**  
Leggett's Wild Life Removal & beef farm  
Washington County

**Jack Leishear**

Farmland owner in Montgomery and Frederick Counties  
Thurmont, Maryland

**Kevin Lewis**

Police Officer  
Washington County

**Dave & Ann Lines**

Small business owner, cut flower grower, tree farmer & farm owner  
Charles County

**Kenneth Lucas**

Grain Farmer  
Queen Anne's County

**Nick Manis**

Manis & Canning  
Annapolis, Maryland

**John D. Marshall**

Marshall's Riverbank Nurseries  
Wicomico County

**Tom Mason**

Dairy farm  
Kent County

**Bill Massey**

Mt. Air Farms  
Delmarva Peninsula

**Holly Harris McCoy**

Bloomingneck Farm  
Kent County

**Dorcas Mcguigan**

The Mill of Whiteford  
General Manager

**Sara Meagher**

Concerned citizen and supporter of our local farms  
Maryland Voter

**Grove Miller**

Chairman of Board, Maryland State Fair & Agricultural Society  
Retired dairy farmer  
Cecil County

**Jack Miller**

Retired farmer  
Cecil County

**Harry Money**

Grain farmer  
Near Warwick in Cecil County

**Charles S. Moore**

Grain & hay  
Cecil County

**Betty Moore**

Grain & Hay  
Cecil County

**Fred Moore, Jr.**

Grain and turf  
Wicomico County

**George O. Morris**

Farmer  
Queen Anne's County

**Jason and Donna Myers**

Windsor Manor - a dairy farm  
Carroll County

**Susan Myers**

Maryland-Locust Crest, Inc. – dairy farm  
Carroll County

**Tanner L. Nickerson**

Dairy farm  
Kent County, Maryland

**Susan Sutton Nickerson**

Dairy Farmer's daughter  
Kent County

**Kristen Nickerson**

Grain & livestock farmer  
Kent County

**Samuel & Janice Nicholson**

Equine & Hay Production  
Montgomery County

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Frederick County

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Poultry & grain farm  
Wicomico County

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Washington County

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Owings, Calvert Co., MD

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Beef cattle & poultry farm  
Carroll County

**Cheryl Plummer**

Concerned citizen & 4- H volunteer  
Kent County

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Grain farmers  
Talbot County

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Grain farmer  
Calvert County

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Grain & Poultry Farmer  
Somerset County

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Grain Farmer, Seed Merchant  
Kent County

**Jonathan Quinn**

Grain farmer  
Cecil County

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Grain & beef cattle  
Carroll County

**John D. Reese**  
Grain Farmer  
Westminster, Maryland

**Jon M. Reifsnider**  
Custom heifer raising business & work at Keymar Fertilizer Inc.  
Carroll County

**Dwight Reynolds**  
Manager of Southern States Taneytown Cooperative  
Carroll County

**Tom Reynolds**  
Poultry, livestock, vegetable, hay & straw  
Baltimore County

**Lee Richardson**  
Farmer  
Wicomico County

**Sid Richardson**  
Farmer  
Wicomico County

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Farmer  
Wicomico County

**Dana Richardson**  
Echo Sonographer  
Wicomico County

**Lewis R. Riley**  
Poultry/grain farmer  
Retired Maryland Secretary of Agriculture  
Wicomico County

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Grain/Poultry/Beef Farmer  
Wicomico County

**Barry and Jane Roach**  
Hogs, corn, barley, beans, wheat and produce  
St. Mary's County

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Apiary, Vineyard and Egg Production  
Prince George's County

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Waffle Hill Farm  
Harford County

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Equine & Hay Production  
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Executive Director  
Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc

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Farmer, Scheeler Seeds LLC  
Cecil County

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Lawn care business owner  
Baltimore County

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Beef and crop farm  
Carroll County

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Grain farmer  
Caroline & Talbot Counties

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Grain/Vegetable Farm and Seed Sales  
Dorchester County

**John Sewell**

Farmer  
Talbot County

**Jason & Jessica Sheubrooks**

Sheubrooks Family Farms  
Grain & Poultry  
Sudlersville, Maryland

**Glenn Shirley**

Dairy grazer  
Carroll County

**Sherryl Shriver**  
Concerned citizen  
Washington County

**Philip and Victoria Snader**  
Snader Farms LLC  
350 acre Family Farm, Beef Cattle and Crops  
Carroll County

**Paul E. Spurrier**  
Anouadale Acres  
Frederick County

**Wayne Stafford**  
Staff-Herd Farms  
Beef and Grain farm  
Cecil County

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Grain, corn & soybean farmer  
Wicomico County

**Jim Steele**  
Second Vice President, MD Farm Bureau  
Shamrock Farms - horse, hay & grain operation  
Carroll County

**Allen Stiles**  
Dairy farmer  
Carroll County

**C.W. Storm**  
Crop farmer  
Howard County

**Joe G. Stowers**  
Blue Seal Richer Dairy Nutrition  
Frederick County

**Brenda Strohmer**  
Teacher/Farmer  
Baltimore County

**George Strohmer Sr**  
Farmer  
Baltimore County

**George Strohmer Jr**  
Farmer  
Baltimore County

**Pam Stump**

Concerned citizen  
Harford County

**John Stump**

Part time farmer & Agribusinessman  
Harford County

**William S. Sutton**

Dairy & grain farmer  
Kent County

**Edward Taylor**

Andelot Farm  
Kent County

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Poultry and grain farmer  
Somerset County

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Shadow Springs Farm (in Ag Preservation)  
Beef and grain producers  
Harford County

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Grain farmer  
Charles County

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General Manager  
Willard Agri-Service of Greenwood, LLC.

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**James Usilton Jr**

**James Usilton Sr.**

**Elizabeth Usilton**

Crop farmers  
Kent County

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St. Mary's County Farm Bureau Director  
St. Mary's County

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Farm owners  
Charles County

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Grain, vegetable & greenhouse farmer  
Charles County

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Farm owner  
Charles County

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Grain Farm  
Carroll County

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Concerned Citizen  
Queen Anne's County

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Hay & straw  
Howard County

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Farm owner  
Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties

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Grain famer  
Somerset County

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**Mark Wilcom**

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Dairy Farmers  
Frederick County

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Key De Blue Farm, Inc.  
Dairy farmer  
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President, Baltimore County Farm Bureau  
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Beef cattle farm  
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**N. Douglas & Susan Workman**

Beef cattle farm  
Allegany County

**Charles Wright IV**

President, Cornerstone Farms Inc.  
500 acres of vegetables, grains, retail market and 40,000 roaster chickens  
Wicomico County

**Amelia Wright**

Forestry  
Dorchester County

**Tim Wright**

200,000 roasters grown for Perdue Farms  
Wicomico County

**Ed & Ellen Wright**

Grain & vegetable farm  
Wicomico County

**Keenan Wright**

Grain & vegetable farm  
Wicomico County

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4-H Alumnus and Volunteer  
Anne Arundel County

**Delmer Yoder**

Beef cattle, hay and grain farmer  
Garrett County

35 members of the **Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. Board of Directors** signed the attached version of the petition.