



...helping to reduce nutrient pollution and restore the Chesapeake Bay, its rivers and streams.

March 18, 2011

Senator Joan Carter Conway
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building – 2 West Wing
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Support for HB24 – Agriculture – Sewage Sludge – Timing of Winter Application

Dear Senator Conway,

This letter is written on behalf of the Choptank Tributary Team in **support** of HB 24 to regulate the timing of winter application of sewage sludge.

The Team focuses its efforts on finding ways to assist watershed counties and the state in reducing nutrient loads from all sectors in the Choptank watershed. Limiting the spread of sewage sludge to certain times and conditions will reduce the amount of nutrients lost from fields receiving this type of fertilizer. This in turn will assist the watershed counties and the state in achieving Maryland's Two Year Milestones and the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

Thank you for consideration of this letter. If you have any questions about the efforts of the Choptank Tributary Team, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer M. Dindinger".

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