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Dr. Michael Ford  
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Dear Dr. Ford:

As Director of the Chesapeake Bay Program, and at the recommendation of the Program's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC), it is my honor to appoint you to the Committee. The STAC provides scientific and technical guidance to the Chesapeake Bay Program on measures to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay. Since its creation in December 1984, STAC has worked to enhance scientific communication and outreach throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed and beyond. The STAC reports directly to the Chesapeake Executive Council.

The Committee believes you are well suited to provide a connection to the regional scientists investigating living resources issues imperative to the successful restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, having worked directly with the Chief Scientist of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The Committee will benefit from your experience in identifying opportunities to promote science across multiple disciplines including oceanography, ecosystem science, satellite remote sensing, and genomics. Your efforts to foster strong partnerships between academics and state and federal agencies has resulted in substantial collaboration between NOAA and the scientific community and will be of great value to the Committee's endeavors.

I look forward to working with you and the Committee in your work to support the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas A. DiPasquale".

Nicholas A. DiPasquale  
Director

pc: Dr. Christopher R. Pyke, STAC Chair