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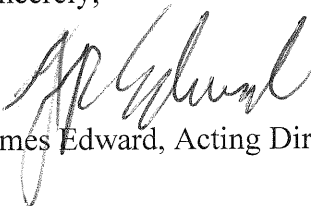
Dear Dr. Pyke:

Please accept my enthusiastic endorsement of Dr. Marc Ribaldo to the federal agency appointment position on STAC. I agree that STAC and the Chesapeake Bay Program will be well served by the addition of social scientists and economists in general and Dr. Ribaldo in particular. A thorough understanding of issues involving incentives, behavioral choices, and the costs and benefits of implementation practices will be extremely valuable in planning for the most effective restoration policies for the Chesapeake Bay.

Dr. Ribaldo is well-known and well respected at the Chesapeake Bay Program Office. His important and innovative work in the fields of agricultural science, policy, and economics make him an excellent choice for this position. His national and regional work focusing on manure and nutrient management, market-based environmental policy, and the relationship between agriculture and water quality will be of great benefit both to STAC and the Chesapeake Bay Program in general.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,


James Edward, Acting Director