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I would like to make a few remarks about the 184 sewage treatment plants mandated to reduce nutrients as part of the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. The estimated cost for these plants to install nutrient reduction upgrades is \$1 billion. These upgrades will occur in the next 7-10 years.

Today we come to support funding to help offset these costs. At this time there is no state or federal grant funding source to aid communities in their efforts. All costs will have to be borne by ratepayers, a huge financial impact to homeowners and businesses.

A few years ago a federal Blue Ribbon Finance Panel for the Bay recommended that the federal government provide \$12 billion in funding and each state provide \$1 billion. We have not seen that funding from the federal government, and unlike Maryland and Virginia, we have not seen that funding from the state of Pennsylvania.

Maryland has funded \$1.25 billion of the estimated \$1.5 billion in upgrade costs for their 66 treatment plants. To date, Virginia has spent or committed \$700 million toward the estimated \$1.5 to \$2 billion in upgrade costs for their 100 treatment plants.

We are anxious to see the same financial commitment in Pennsylvania. We are here this morning, collectively, to ask for financial assistance for all aspects of the PA Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. There is a terrific funding need for both point and non-point sources that are trying to reduce nutrients and we are working together to make that funding a reality.

We are encouraged by the legislative support we are receiving and are hopeful that more legislators and the governor recognize the unique needs of the national treasure we call the Chesapeake Bay and work with us to secure significant funding. PMAA is particularly grateful to Senator Vance for initiating an independent study to determine treatment plant costs and to Representative Scott Perry for his efforts in sponsoring a soon-to-be released legislative proposal that will address funding needs for both treatment plants and agriculture.