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Dear Board of Directors, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay:

I am writing to express my interest in joining your Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). I understand that there are positions open for Washington, DC representatives; it would be a welcomed opportunity for me and my constituents.

Upon review of the issues associated with your program's focus, it seems helpful to share just a few of my areas of knowledge and/or expertise: air pollution, climate change, stormwater runoff, waste water, and sediment. Specific to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, the last six years (when I returned to the District after 20+ years living in the western US), of my involvement with those issues have included my current work with the following:

- **Executive Director: Groundwork DC.** Our organization is rooted in environmental justice and works to provide environmental education and stewardship opportunities, environmental jobs, and outdoor recreation activities. All of our work is centered around the communities within the Washington, DC footprint.
- **Member: Upper Northeast Community Equity Advisory Group.** This is a group of community citizens that is providing a sets of recommendations and guidance for the implementation phase of the Climate Ready DC climate adaptation plan.
- **Member: Anacostia Park and Community Collaborative Steering Committee.** This collaborative entity is comprised of over 20 community-based organizations that have a vested interest in the livability, development, and health of the Anacostia River corridor. The Steering Committee is the governance structure that ensures we are actively promoting the mission through various forms of engagement.
- **Commissioner:** Washington, DC Mayor's Commission on Climate Change and Resilience
- **Project Lead: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Peer Learning Cohort.** This three-year project is done as a partnership between Groundwork and River Network and funded by the Kresge Foundation. A competitive process, we select organizations and their community partners to address barriers of access to safe and affordable drinking water.

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There is a great deal more to share and learn, and I hope to do so as a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

I thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

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