

# Citizens Advisory Council

to the Department of Environmental Protection

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Dear Senator/Representative:

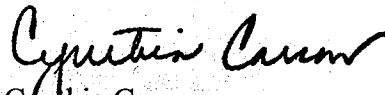
On behalf of the Citizens Advisory Council<sup>1</sup> to the Department of Environmental Protection, I am writing to you about the need for additional funding for essential environmental protection.

In particular, we ask you to provide a dedicated source of funding for the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund (HSCA). Governor Rendell has proposed raising the tipping fee on waste by \$2.25 per ton to provide stable funding for HSCA. We support this approach, and would also be interested in other revenue-raising ideas that keep HSCA whole without reducing or eliminating funding for other successful environmental and conservation programs. We respect the fact that the legislature has tough fiscal decisions to make regarding the FY'08 budget and we look forward to working with you to tackle issues like funding the Hazardous Site Cleanup Fund and other important initiatives.

In addition, we ask that you give consideration to increasing fees tied to the Department of Environmental Protection's programs. Many of DEP's fees have not been adjusted for a number of years, and are inadequate to offset the Department's costs in administering its programs. There also needs to be some level of confidence that the revenue from these fees will be appropriated to DEP for program costs.

Thank you for your continued support for a clean and healthy environment and protecting Pennsylvania's rich natural heritage. Please feel free to call Sue Wilson, Council's Executive Director, at 787-4527 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Cynthia Carrow  
Chair

<sup>1</sup> The Council is a legislatively created advisory committee charged with reviewing all environmental issues, legislation, regulations, policies and programs relating to Pennsylvania.

