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William deCamp, Jr., Chairman
Save Barnegat Bay
906-B Grand Central Ave.
Lavallette, NJ 08735

Dear Willie,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for the Model Lawn Care Ordinance focused on nitrogen that Save Barnegat Bay has developed.

Barnegat Bay has been identified as a eutrophic estuary that is being negatively impacted by excess nutrients, in particular nitrogen. A nutrient reduction strategy for the region is imperative to the long term health and quality of the Bay. Adoption and enforcement of this ordinance by municipalities within the Barnegat Bay Watershed should be a component of this strategy.

I wish you great success in seeing this model ordinance come to fruition and applaud the efforts of Save Barnegat Bay for being in the forefront on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John A. Tiedemann".

John A. Tiedemann
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