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I encourage you and your staff to read more about the Chesapeake Bay trading program and how it could be modified to fit Iowa's needs. The condition of Iowa's river, stream, and lake water quality is a complex and extremely important issue. We must think outside the box and not be afraid to try something that has never been done before. Iowa can help lead the way in ushering in new and innovative strategies to address agricultural runoff pollution.

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I canoe, kayak, and fish. Not only am I on the water when I paddle, to one extent or another, I get wet when I paddle. Everyone comes in contact with water. We drink water, we often prepare our food with water, we use water to wash our dishes and clothes, and we bathe in water. Those who swim or otherwise choose water related recreation are at further risk. The fish that are caught from our waters carry risk when they are caught as well as when they are eaten. We need to eliminate or reduce unnecessary pollution. Many agricultural practices are detrimental to our waters. "Big Ag" is known to be particularly dangerous.

Act now! Protect what we can from further damage. Reduce future damage. Clean up our water so we can have clean water, and our kids and grandkids have a better future.

Sincerely,

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