

Dear Friend,

The Longhurst/Poore team is working with you on all the issues that affect your lives and well-being. Your issues are our issues. We are working hard to address the three Es for Delawareans: Environment, Economy, and Education. These issues and others are on the ballot every election year.

House Bill 200 establishes a framework for assessing needs and planning to implement projects that support Delaware's longstanding efforts to improve the quality of the state's water supply and waterways. The Act also calls for creating the Delaware Clean Water Trust and is supported by \$50 million in the fiscal year 2022 budget as a funding source for water quality and water-related projects. We will help to right the wrongs of the past and, perhaps most importantly, we will set Delaware on a path to a future where people from all walks of life can enjoy the beauty and splendor of our streams, rivers, lakes, and beaches.

In support of a sustainable economic recovery, higher education in any form is the pathway to success and prosperity. Senate Bill 12 or SEED+ will help remove the hurdles that prevent so many of our neighbors from seeking a better life for themselves and their families. SEED+ makes good on a promise to give working families an opportunity for a new career in a high-demand field that will provide better pay and better job security in future economic downturns. SEED+ will assist adult workers with little or no previous higher education experience who were hit hardest by the pandemic.

House Bill 100 greatly expands mental health services in Delaware elementary schools. For too long, the mental health of our students has been treated as a secondary need. Too many students have slipped between the gaps in our behavioral health network. The truth is, the mental health of our young students is vital to growing, learning, and becoming successful adults. House Bill 100 is a game-changer for our kids. A mental health services unit for Delaware elementary schools will address the disparity and shortfall of mental health professionals in elementary schools. House Bill 100 will enable schools to tackle the early stresses and problems children face before these issues become lifelong obstacles.

Delaware's environmental, economic, and educational viability depends on public policy initiatives such as House Bill 200, Senate Bill 12, and House Bill 100. By sponsoring strong and effective legislation, we send an unmistakable message that we will not stop fighting for the values we share.

We are facing an end-of-year reporting deadline and need your contribution to finish strong for 2021.

Donations can be made online at https://secure.actblue.com/donate/courageandcommitment or by check to Friends of Valerie Longhurst, 111 Tuckahoe Lane, Bear DE 19701 and Friends of Nicole Poore, 315 Wheatsheaf Drive, New Castle, DE 19720. Per Delaware Code, individual contributions cannot exceed \$600 during an election cycle.

Your contribution will ensure a path to victory in November 2022!

Sincerely,

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