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The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy,

I am writing in support of an initiative of critical importance to the business sector, namely infusing environmental education into the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind law. While I applaud the current No Child Left Behind law for its focus on creating a more competitive American work force, I do have concerns about the affect that the law inadvertently has had on the environmental literacy of our work force.

DuPont, like many other companies, has a stake in making sure that our employees have a rudimentary understanding of environmental principles. We believe that an environmentally sustainable business is just good business, given the growing concern for environmental problems across America. A key component of an environmentally sustainable business is a highly educated work force, particularly involving environmental principles.

I recently have been made aware of the effort by the Massachusetts based Campaign for Environmental Literacy and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to infuse environmental education into the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind law. I strongly support this effort. I believe that this nation will be better served, and our work force better prepared, if we expect that our high school graduates have attained a basic level of environmental understanding. The current NCLB has caused a reduction in environmental programs in the K-12 schools, at a time when this needs to be a requirement at all schools.

I am willing to invest energy in this important initiative and am willing to work closely with your office to build the necessary coalition to achieve success by taking a lead in the corporate community, and meeting personally with Senator's Biden and Carper.

Thank you for all that you have done for public school education reform. I urge you to support this initiative that will only improve the quality of our graduates.

Sincerely,

Charles O. Holliday, Jr.

bcc Will Baker, Chesapeake Bay Foundation