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I believe that we have an obligation to our future generations to protect the environment; right here in Virginia we have made significant strides in promoting a healthier, cleaner and safer environment. However, I think we can do more. That is why I introduced H.R. 1053, the Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act which passed the House of Representatives on September 30, 2009. This bill will improve coordination of restoration efforts in the Chesapeake Bay.

I also introduced H.R. 3433, which became law on March 25, 2010. H.R. 3433 allows up to 50 percent of the non-federal share of projects in Canada to be paid for by Canadian conservation supporters. Projects in Canada were matched by conservation dollars from the United States.

I have also formed the First Congressional District Environmental Advisory Council comprised of citizens and officials interested and involved in promoting a healthy Chesapeake Bay and clean environment. The Advisory Council meets regularly to engage in discussion and promote policy in this important issue area. If you would like to participate in the Environmental Advisory Council, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-225-4261.

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I am writing to update you on efforts I have made on important initiatives to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

One of my top priorities while in Congress is to work to ensure a clean and healthy Chesapeake Bay. You may be interested to know that the House of Representatives passed my bill, the Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act, which would better track the expenditures of federal and state dollars going towards Bay restoration and encourage greater flexibility and strategic management practices to better meet the complex problems facing the watershed.

Congress is also considering other legislation to modify Chesapeake Bay clean-up efforts such as the Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Ecosystem Restoration Act and the Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act. I recently hosted a meeting with Chesapeake Bay stakeholders to discuss Chesapeake Bay program reauthorization legislation and to hear their views on existing federal programs, future needs, measurement tools, and assistance to stakeholders, such as farmers, in meeting clean water goals.

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