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Dear DRBC Community,

As Governor of the State of Delaware, I want to extend my sincere congratulations to the DRBC during this 60th anniversary celebration. Your decades of hard work and commitment have revitalized the Delaware River Basin, one of our most important natural resources.

On behalf of the nearly one million Delawareans who have benefitted from the DRBC's stewardship, I thank you for providing trusted leadership on the many issues that affect the river basin region. It takes extraordinary dedication to manage the 13,539 square miles of this watershed, but your efforts help support the 600,000 jobs and \$22 billion in economic activity that the river basin generates.

Our river and bay now support year-round fish and wildlife populations, extensive recreation opportunities, parks, and greenways for residents to enjoy.

The DRBC's legacy, however, will be the environmental cleanup and restoration of the Delaware River and Delaware Bay. Your work has helped lead the way for federal environmental regulation, including the Clean Water Act and the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency.

I salute DRBC's historic success and ongoing efforts in Delaware, the region, and the nation to make this important waterway environmentally and economically sustainable. I look forward to continuing to work together to ensure that the Delaware River and Bay remains a vibrant resource for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,

John C. Carney

Governor, State of Delaware