



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

August 23, 2023

Dear High Bridge Elementary Environmental Club,

Thank you for your letter to my office this summer. I applaud your passion for our environment, and I commend your engagement with the civic process through your letter. I am glad to have the opportunity to hear your perspective.

I certainly share your views on the importance of protecting our environment and conserving our natural landscapes. Having grown up in New Jersey like you, I have always been impressed with the natural beauty of our state, and later worked for the Environmental Protection Agency – in fact, that’s where I met my wife, Rhonda. Our Congressional District alone contains some critical natural resources, and I am glad to have had the opportunity to work in Washington, DC to protect and conserve these resources, like through the *Delaware River Basin Conservation Act*, of which I am a co-sponsor, or the *COAST Anti-Drilling Act*, which would protect our coasts from offshore drilling. I will continue working to advance these priorities in Congress, and I will certainly keep your views in mind as future legislation on this matter reaches the floor of the House of Representatives.

Thank you once again for your note. Please don’t hesitate to stay in touch with my office, and I hope to speak further soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Kean, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Kean, Jr.  
Member of Congress