Dear Friends,

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful thanks our steadfast volunteers, who in the midst of the pandemic, continue to create change in communities through litter cleanups, tree plantings, park improvements and more. Our volunteers understand that clean and beautiful communities benefit the health and safety of the whole community - that small acts of kindness can sometimes be the foundation that unites the community and inspires larger community change. As we prepare for our fall cleanup season, I invite you to participate in the simple act of picking up litter before it reaches our oceans, where it will affect people, animals, the environment and economies near and far. We are honored to support your noble and necessary work to improve communities across the state.

Gratefully,

Shannon Reiter
President
Pick Up Pennsylvania
Supporting the International Coastal Cleanup
Whether you are cleaning up a favorite waterfront, local park or the street you live on – it all makes a difference in reducing the amount of litter reaching our shores. Participate in Pick Up Pennsylvania from September 1 through November 30 and get free trash bags and gloves, provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, PennDOT and the Ocean Conservancy, as supplies last. Last year, nearly 12,000 volunteers removed 900,250 pounds of trash and tires from our lands and water. Help us encourage even greater participation this year by sharing our Pick Up Pennsylvania video in English or Spanish. Scan the QR codes below.

Cigarette Litter Prevention Program
Littered cigarette butts contaminate soil and ground water with chemicals and heavy metals; fatally impact wildlife who mistake them for food; and the cellulose acetate filters never fully decompose. The Cigarette Litter Prevention Program provides educational tools, pocket ashtrays and funding for receptacles to reduce cigarette litter. With a $40,000 grant from Keep America Beautiful, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful will continue their work this year in state parks including Sizerville, Little Buffalo, Cowans Gap, Laurel Hill, Keystone and Ryerson Station. Through a partnership with Terracycle, collected waste will be recycled and composted.

Tim Arnold, Richland Township Supervisor, was nominated by State Representative Craig Staats for the Community Pride Award for his work to clean up litter in the 145th legislative district. Arnold and the Richland Township Water Authority have organized the “Richland Township Road Cleanup Day” for 15 years, removing close to a ton of trash each year.

“Let everyone sweep in front of his own door, and the whole world will be clean.”
— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe