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June 2, 2018

The Honorable Daryl D. Metcalfe
Chairman-State Government Committee
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
144 Main Capitol Building
PO Box 202012
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Chairman Metcalfe and Committee Members,

It is with great honor I represent the constituents of the 141st Legislative District located in Bucks County, consisting of parts of Bristol and Middletown Townships, as well as the boroughs of Hulmeville and Penndel.

As I understand, the House State Government Committee will hold a hearing on June 11, 2018, to receive testimony from individuals and entities that are regulated by the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC). The purpose of the hearing is to investigate concerns regarding the impact of DRBC policies and actions on business growth and economic vitality in the basin and the rights of individual property owners within the basin.

The municipalities and constituents within my district clearly support the growth of business and industry and value the environment.

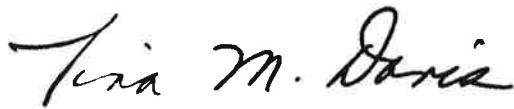
Currently the region is anticipating the completion of the \$1.1 billion infrastructure project that realigns the Pennsylvania Turnpike and I-95 interstate, which runs through a portion of my district. Local officials have been fielding proposals for development nearby including 794 acres of riverfront property.

The Delaware River, its extensive network of tributaries and ample supply of ground water, have been a valuable asset to my district dating back centuries. Fresh springs at Bath made Bristol Township a destination for the wealthy from Philadelphia to its water and resort in the 1700's. The site of the once famous spa is now home to Lower Bucks County Hospital. In 1831 that Delaware Canal was built through Bristol Township. The canal carried coal, steel, goods, and people from Bristol to Easton, some 60 miles away. Today, the canal is a National Heritage Corridor and a National Historic Landmark.

The economic outlook in my district is positive. Several entities within my district have dockets with DRBC and have not brought forth any concerns. There are no indications that policies of DRBC have negatively impacted the growth of business and industry in the 141st Legislative District. In fact, my experience has been to the contrary. The programs of DRBC have helped sustain the Delaware River, a valuable regional asset, while managing the basin and our water resources in a manner which compliments business, industry, and critical infrastructure.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina M. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tina M Davis, State Representative

141st District