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The Honorable Daryl D. Metcalfe
Chairman – State Government Committee
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
144 Main Capitol Building
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May 31, 2018

Dear Chairman Metcalfe and Committee Members,

I am writing as the Manager of Warrington Township, which provides public water and sewer approximately 8,000 customer accounts in Warrington Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Our interest in writing at this time is related to what we understand to be ongoing discussions and public hearings concerning the topic of “**State Government Regulations, Burdens, Abuses, and Legislative Oversight**”.

We understand that there are hearings now scheduled to consider this topic on June 11, 2018 and we request that this correspondence be made part of the official record of testimony concerning this matter.

Our understanding is that although the topic of interest is broad in scope, a significant portion of the testimony and discussion to date has been focused upon the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC), and to a lesser extent, the **Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC)**.

As our water customers’ interests are located within the jurisdictional area of the **DRBC**, our comments will be limited to our knowledge and interface with that particular entity.

Warrington Township public water customers currently receive 100% of their water from North Wales Water Authority (NWWA) due to the PFAS contamination of our ground water wells by the Horsham Air Guard Station. NWWA regularly obtains 95% of its water supply directly from the Delaware River. This water is pumped and transferred to NWWA’s Forest Park Water Treatment Plant (FPWTP) for processing prior to distribution to both their supply system, as well as through their transmission lines to our distribution system for our public water customers.

NWWA's operations require that they interface with the DRBC and their staff on a regular basis, *as they have now done for over 20 years.*

Based upon NWWA's actual and lengthy experience, it is both our position and testimony, that the DRBC is not only essential to NWWA and Warrington Township's continued operations, but also a critical element in both NWWA's and Warrington Township's continued success in satisfying the water needs of our public water customers.

The DRBC oversight of our regional water supply provides not only a high level of protection to the regional aquifers, but also provides the public and our public water suppliers with a dependable and consistent process for our planning, managing, and obtaining required approvals and permits to both preserve and utilize this vital resource.

The DRBC has proven over many years to be an efficiently and fairly operated organization, and to always remain transparent in all of their policy and decision making processes.

We recognize that organizations such as ours rarely embrace legislative oversight; however, we readily admit that we have never found this agency to be heavy handed, uncooperative, or unresponsive to the needs of our organization, or more importantly, to the best interests of our public water customers.

For all of the reasons stated above, and more, we would like to lend our voices in support of the DRBC, and urge the State Government Committee, and all of our Pennsylvania Legislators, to continue your full financial and legislative support for this essential and important agency, both in word, and in deed.

Respectfully,
Warrington Township



Barry P. Luber
Township Manager

CC: Warrington Township Board of Supervisors
State Representative Kathy Watson
North Wales Water Authority