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Robert E. Nyce
Executive Director
Independent Regulatory Review Committee
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Nyce:

RE: **Regulation # 7-332 Erosion and Sediment Control**

I am writing to offer my support for the comments submitted by the Pennsylvania Builders Association regarding the above referenced regulation. I know this regulation is scheduled for consideration by IRRC on November 4, 1999, and apologize for the delay in submitting my comments.

I am most concerned regarding the proposed requirement for a written erosion and sediment control plan for any earthmoving activity of 5000 square feet or greater. It is my understanding that such a requirement exceeds federal regulatory requirements. There should be a clearly articulated and compelling reason for Pennsylvania to exceed these regulations, particularly if we are to adhere to Governor Ridge's Executive Order on this matter.

Additionally, such a requirement creates a potentially burdensome and expensive requirement on citizens seeking to build a new home. As policymakers, it is important to be cognizant of the cumulative affects requirements can have on citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this regulation with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jo White".

MARY JO WHITE
SENATOR, 21ST DISTRICT

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cc: The Honorable Raphael Musto, Democratic Chairman
Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee
Mark Maurer, Regulatory Specialist
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