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

RE: Regulation #2-133 (IRRC #2141)
Department of Agriculture
Preferential Assessment of Farmland and Forest Land Under the
Clean and Green Act

Dear Mr. Nyce:

I would like to thank you for taking the time to review and take into consideration all of the comments submitted on behalf of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee on the aforementioned regulations. Successful implementation of the Clean and Green program (Act 319 of 1974) is dependent on development of the program in a manner that allows for practical application; I believe the Department of Agriculture has accomplished this through these revised final-form regulations.

The Department has, through the regulatory review process and beyond, gone to great lengths to ensure as complete and fair a finished product as possible. I believe that the completed regulations reflect the intent of the General Assembly in Act 156 of 1998 and provide for uniform implementation by the counties; a major concern in years past.

I wish to express my appreciation to all parties involved for their cooperation and assistance in this process. I encourage the Commission to review these regulations favorably.

Sincerely,

Senator Mike Waugh
28th District, York County

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cc: The Honorable Michael O'Pake
The Honorable Raymond Bunt
The Honorable Peter J. Daley, II
The Honorable Samuel E. Hayes, Jr.