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Subject: Comments on Clean and Green



Clean and Green
Proposed Regs....



Pickering ltr re
Ray's comment...

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Attached please find my letter and comments. A copy will be Fax'd
and a
hard copy will follow.

October 23, 2000

Raymond Pickering, Director
Bureau of Farmland Protection
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

RE: Proposed Rulemaking
7 Pa. Code Chapter 137b: Preferential Assessment of Farmland and Forest Land under
the Clean and Green Act
L.D. No. 2-133
Published at 30 Pennsylvania Bulletin 4573 (September 2, 2000)

Dear Mr. Pickering:

Pursuant to the authority under the Regulatory Review Act, attached are comments on the above-referenced proposed rulemaking. As you know, these regulations are of utmost importance in addressing misunderstanding and mis-administration of the Clean and Green act.

I appreciate the enormous amount of time and effort put forth by the department in preparing these regulations. The annotated draft copy that my staff reviewed was very valuable and we all appreciated the opportunity to provide input on an informal level. Additionally, while the attached comments only address the shortcomings in the proposed rulemaking, I want you to know that I recognize many positive, insightful and accurate aspects of the proposal. Your staff and those in the legal office who developed the document should be proud of the product.

You will also note that my comments are the same as those of Senator Wenger. Our respective staff spent many hours reviewing and analyzing the proposed regulation, and Senator Wenger and I thoroughly agree with their observations.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this most important issue. I am sure you will consider the comments carefully to accurately reflect the intent of the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Raymond Bunt, Jr., Chairman
Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

Enclosure

cc: Representative Italo Cappabianca
Russell Redding
Robert Nyce
Senator Noah Wenger