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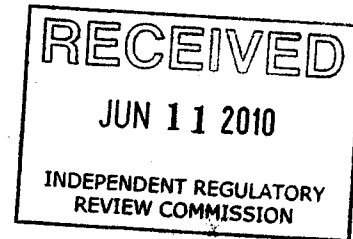
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Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Docket Number 2783



I write in support of the Environmental Quality Board's proposed revisions to Chapter 102 regulations, including the section that would mandate 150 foot buffers for new development along Exceptional Value and High Quality streams.

Riparian buffers are critical to protecting the waterways of this Commonwealth and a necessary component of maintaining the integrity of our most pristine waterways. Requiring developers to maintain a buffer of trees and plants alongside our best streams will insure that these streams will remain a treasured component of the Commonwealth's ecosystem for generations to come.

I urge you to approve the proposed revisions when this matter comes before the Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Rafferty, Jr.", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

John C. Rafferty, Jr.

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