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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101



Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

I wish to express my serious reservations related to the Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management regulations (7-440) being considered by the IRRC. Specifically, I am gravely concerned with the impact the proposed buffer requirements (Section 102.14) will have in both Monroe and Luzerne Counties.

In Monroe County, the imposition of a 150 foot buffer on High Quality and Exceptional Value watersheds will result in a drastic limitation on development considering the extensive quantity of such watersheds. In Monroe, Wayne and Pike Counties, the vast majority of watersheds are HQ or EV and their hydrologically connected tributaries would render a vast number of acres undevelopable. While Luzerne has far less HQ and EV watersheds, a uniform 100 foot buffer on all other watersheds will severely limit development.

I believe water quality protections can be adequately achieved with a more balanced and intelligent approach that can be embedded in a case by case examination of applications. During my time in the General Assembly, I have been reminded time and again of the diversity of our Commonwealth. This diversity includes our environment and I simply cannot reconcile a one size fits all rigid regulation in place of a more flexible, measured DEP policy.

For these reasons, I respectfully request IRRC to reconsider these regulations in order to move to a less rigid approach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. Carroll".

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State Representative  
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