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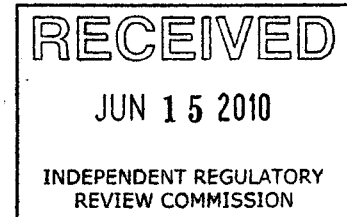
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Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101



RE: Chapter 102, Erosion and Sedimentation Control. IRCC #2783. EQB 7-440

Dear Honorable Board of Commissioners:

I write today asking the IRRC to approve EQB's recent revisions to its rules for Erosion and Sedimentation Controls, particularly the section mandating 150 foot buffers for new development along Exceptional Value and High Quality streams.

The benefits of stream buffers have been well-documented by the scientific community, and by Pennsylvania's conservation community. To restore a buffer in a place where the trees have been removed, one need only take no action and the buffer will return in time.

Most importantly for people who live near our waterways, buffers protect property values by diminishing the likelihood of property-damaging flood events, enhancing the scenic beauty, ensuring a recreational value in the waterway and maintaining a cool stream temperature.

Please approve these regulations and allow them to be promulgated by the DEP without delay. Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. M. Farnese, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lawrence M. Farnese, Jr.  
State Senator, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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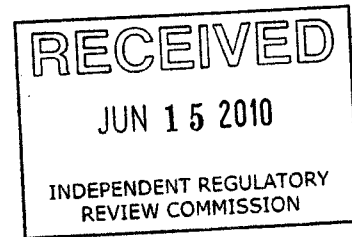
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**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2010 5:17 PM  
**To:** IRRC  
**Subject:** Senator Farnese's Comments - IRCC #2783, Chapter 102, Erosion and Sedimentation Control. EQB 7-440  
**Attachments:** IRRC #2783 Senator Farnese.pdf

Hello,

I have attached Senator Farnese's comments on the proposed DEP rule for submission to the IRRC.

Thank you,

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