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Dear Environmental Quality Board,

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

I am writing to urge you to adopt a plan requiring that a 100 foot forested buffer be in place on all rivers and streams in Pennsylvania. Keeping new development back 100 feet from the edge of our streams can reduce pollution and help decrease the flood problems we have witnessed here in Bucks County in the past few years. Keeping our rivers and streams clean is important not just for our drinking water but also is good for the overall ecosystem. Forested Buffers are good for the environment and the economy because in addition to reducing pollution and flooding they can also increase property values. Please take the time to consider this important matter.

Regards,

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