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The Honorable Daryl D. Metcalfe  
Chairman-State Government Committee  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
144 Main Capitol Building  
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RE: State Government Committee Public Hearing  
Delaware River Basin Commission

Dear Chairman Metcalfe and Committee Members:

In May 2016, the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) had to close a public well after sampling revealed the unregulated contaminants perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonate (PFOS) were above the EPA's health advisory level. As you can imagine, lack of confidence in their drinking water, concerned many of my constituents. DTMA could find an alternative source to meet consumer demands by interconnecting with their North Water System.

As recently as **June 5, 2018**, the issue of contaminated water coming from Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base and Air National Guard (ANG) in Willow Grove, PA made front page news in our local papers. Firefighting foams containing perfluorinated compounds, or PFAS, were used previously on the base, and the unregulated chemicals have been found in groundwater there and in drinking water in nearby communities including Warminster, Horsham and Warrington.

The situation was a bit more complicated for my neighbors. Municipalities in Bucks County legislative districts, represented by my colleagues the Hon. Bernie O'Neil (PA-29) and the Hon. Kathy Watson (PA-144), have each had to seek alternative sources for safe, clean water for their residents. Production well use was reduced or in some cases eliminated. Many homeowners with private wells were provided with filtration systems or connected to public water.

Both Warminster Municipal Authority and Warrington Township are purchasing water from North Wales Water Authority (NWWA). Over 95% of NWWA water is sourced directly from the Delaware River. We are extremely fortunate that this resource is available to meet constituents demand for clean safe drinking water.

I have been advised the House State Government Committee will hold a hearing on June 11, 2018, to receive testimony from individuals and entities that are regulated by the Delaware River Basin

Commission (DRBC). The Committee is investigating concerns regarding the impact of DRBC policies and actions on business growth and economic vitality in the basin and the rights of individual property owners within the basin.

Working cooperatively with DRBC, the NWWA as able to provide clean, safe drinking water to the thousands of constituents impacted in Bucks County by ground water contamination. The programs implemented by DRBC have served to protect the water resources of the Basin and Delaware River so they can serve as a resource during this critical time.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.



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