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The Honorable Daryl D. Metcalfe
Chairman - State Government Committee
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
144 Main Capitol Building
PO Box 202012
Harrisburg, PA 17120-

Dear Chairman Metcalfe and Committee Members,

I am writing as Executive Director of the North Wales Water Authority, which provides public water service directly to nearly 30,000 homes and businesses in Bucks and Montgomery Counties, as well as providing an essential bulk water supply to several other neighboring municipalities and Authorities, resulting in a service area including nearly 100,000 homes and businesses.

Our interest in writing at this time is related to what we understand to be ongoing discussions and public hearings on the topic of ***"State Government Regulations, Burdens, Abuses, and Legislative Oversight"***.

We understand that there are hearings now scheduled to consider this topic on June 11, 2018 and we respectfully request an opportunity to address the Committee at that hearing. If that is not practical, in lieu thereof, we request that this correspondence be made a part of the official record of testimony on this matter.

Our understanding is that although the topic of interest is board in scope, a significant portion of the testimony and discussion to date has been focused upon the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC), and to a lesser extent, the **Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC)**.

As our business interests are located within the jurisdictional area of the **DRBC**, our comments will be limited to our knowledge and interface with that particular entity.

The North Wales Water Authority regularly obtains over 95% of its water supply directly from the Delaware River. This water is pumped and transferred to our treatment plant for processing prior to distribution to both our own supply system, as well through transmission lines to our municipal customers. Our total production at the plant is up to 40 million gallons per day.



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Our operations require that we interface with the Delaware River Basin Commission and their staff on a regular basis, *as we have now done for over 20 years.*

Based upon our actual and lengthy experience, it is both our position and testimony, that the Delaware River Basin Commission is not only essential to our continued operations, but also a critical element in our continued success in satisfying the water needs of our service area.

The Delaware River Basin Commission oversight of our regional water supply provides not only a high level of protection to the regional aquifers, but also provides the public and our public water suppliers with a dependable and consistent process for our planning, managing, and obtaining required approvals and permits to both preserve and utilize this vital resource.

The Delaware River Basin Commission has proven over many years to be an efficiently and fairly operated organization, and to always remain transparent in all of their policy and decision making processes.

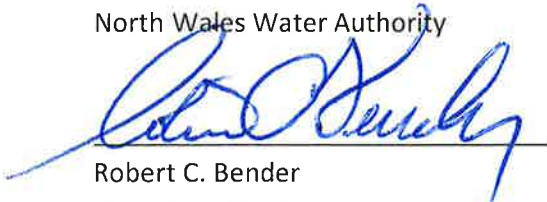
We recognize that subservient agencies such as ours rarely applaud legislative oversight; however, we readily admit that we have never found this agency to be heavy handed, uncooperative, or unresponsive to the needs of our organization, or more importantly, to the best interests of the public we serve.

For all of the reasons stated above, and more, we would like to lend our voices in support of the Delaware River Basin Commission, and urge the State Government Committee, and all of our Pennsylvania Legislators, to continue your full financial and legislative support for this essential and important agency, both in word, and in deed.

We would be pleased to attend any future hearings or meeting to discuss our position in detail, or to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully

North Wales Water Authority



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Executive Director

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