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## Bucks County Planning Commission

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June 6, 2018

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 Bucks County Planning Commission and with the support of the Bucks County Commissioners as the agency responsible for providing guidance and advising our County Commissioners on matters of planning and land use throughout the County's 54 constituent municipalities.

We understand that there are hearings now scheduled on June 11, 2018, to review and discuss the role of the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) and the potential effects of their policy and oversight on land owners within the Delaware River Basin.

All 54 of Bucks County's municipalities lie with the Delaware River Basin and its watersheds. Nearly one third of our municipalities lie directly adjacent to the Delaware River itself. As a result, our land planning, land preservation, natural areas policy, and planning activities are located entirely within the basin; our environmental planning services routinely has our staff conducting research on various topics including flooding, natural resources, stormwater management, wastewater facilities, water resources and well head protection within the basin. In accordance with the County's Comprehensive Plan, we encourage cooperation between municipal, county, and state entities as we are governed by similar rules and regulations related to sound environmental stewardship and land use policy.

We believe the DRBC's oversight of the Delaware River Basin serves an important role in the protection of the regional aquifers, and their associated watersheds and natural areas. We encourage the State Government Committee to look favorably upon the DRBC and their role in the protection and oversight of the Delaware River Basin. If you have any questions or require further information, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Bucks County Planning Commission**

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Executive Director

cc: Robert G. Loughery, Chairman, Bucks County Commissioner  
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