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Mr. Eric Epstein  
Chairman  
SWAN

I appreciated receiving your correspondence regarding the Buffers 100 proposal currently being advocated by the Pennsylvania Campaign for Clean Water. I understand this plan would change Pennsylvania's Erosion and Sedimentation Control regulations by requiring developers to maintain a 100 foot buffer on either side of every type stream in Pennsylvania, and a 200 foot buffer next to streams that are designated as High Quality or Exceptional Value waters.

I am not aware of this proposal being drafted into legislation at this time. I will certainly keep your thoughts and concerns in mind if this legislation is introduced. I would also point out that in the past several years the General Assembly has approved a number of environmental programs designed to protect our important natural resources. Most notably are the Growing Greener Programs, and specifically Growing Greener 2 which provides \$650 million in financial assistance to a variety of environmental improvement efforts. These range from restoring streams impaired by acid mine drainage to stream bank improvements.

I do appreciate you taking the time to alert me about this water quality initiative. If I can be of assistance on any other state related matter please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Marsico  
State Representative  
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