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This letter is to follow up on testimony that I gave at the hearing conducted by Rep. David Zimmerman at his office on Nov. 28, 2017.

I am concerned about the sometimes adversarial attitude of some of the people working in the Dept. of Environmental Resources. Most farmers are very committed to stewardship of natural resources as this is how they make their living. We can make more progress by working together than by looking for ways to levy fines.

It is becoming more difficult to obtain permits to build on our farms. Our first expansion project in 1997 took approximately 13 months from planning, permitting, to building completion. Our second project took 15 months just for planning and permitting. Approvals were not given until the maximum time allowed had expired and the phase 2 water quality paperwork was lost in Harrisburg and had to be resubmitted this was at a time when building materials were seeing a rapid rise making the cost of the building increase by over \$40,000.

Our most recent project a pole barn for equipment storage and an attached shop took almost a year to get permitted with new E&S regulations. Actual building time was only 6 weeks with about 6 days just installing the stoned water management beds and drainage pipes.

I would like to see the DEP improve the speed of turn around on permits and approach permit applications with common sense. This would help more business development and expansion in PA resulting in more jobs and increased tax revenue by spreading the taxes over more businesses rather than a higher rate for existing businesses. The announced increases in the cost of permitting are going to be a detriment to business growth in PA, just the opposite of what PA needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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cc. to David Zimmermman