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As a resident of the Delaware River Valley, I have a voice in proposals/decisions that impact the people who reside here and the environment which impacts the people. The proposed changes ignore these entities and violates the peoples' right to know, glaringly underscored by DRBC's suggested circumvention of the Freedom of Information Act. This act exists for the purpose of informing the public and its right to know how they will be impacted by rules proposed and exercised by the DRBC to the detriment of the river and the people who depend upon it

Administrative staff decisionmaking denies the public a voice on issues that impact their air and water quality, and consequently, their health. Nor should the extension or denial of permits be the sole authority of any one individual. Ours is a government of the people, by the people, FOR the people; we are the ones who will live with the consequences of bad decisions. We have the right to know: that is the purpose of the Freedom of Information Act; its very existence is to avoid backroom decisions that the public will have to bear.

I am also a native of Gibbstown, NJ, where my family resides, which has had for years an excessive cancer rate/fatalities due to the presence of three chemical plants sold to the community in the name of jobs. The air quality has been fetid for 60 years, and the attempt to extend the permit without an expiration date for the Gibbstown LNG Export terminal docket, reflects all that is wrong with the changes the DRBC is proposing.

The DRBC does NOT have the right to make decisions that impact the public without the public's knowledge and input. In the 30 years I have lived in Bucks Cty, it has been one fight after another to ensure the health and safety of those who reside here. Exempting the Commissioners whose responsibility as ELECTED officials is to represent the people denies the public information and access. We have a right to know and a right to be involved in the decisionmaking process.

Sincerely,

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