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The DRBC's proposed changes are largely allowing DRBC Executive Director unilateral and private approval for Projects and legislation without any public input, discussion or vote by the DRBC Commissioners – the Governors of the four watershed states (New York New Jersey, Pennsylvanian, and Delaware) and the Army Corps of Engineers, representing the federal government (President Biden).

The Freedom of Information Act request process is not adequate public notice.

Do not allow DBRC's proposed changes to become regulations.

We, as a Coalition of organizations, community groups, and frontline residents from throughout the Delaware River Watershed and beyond, have fought for many years for greater transparency and fair opportunities to provide meaningful and informed public participation in the approvals and policies that the DRBC makes.

These critical decisions directly affect the quality of our environment, businesses, drinking water, air quality, Delaware River diversity and health of it's species, habitats, ecosystems, tributaries and communities throughout the entire Watershed.

The public must be allowed and invited to take part and influence outcomes, through an open and interactive decision making process. All important decisions and related information must be fully disclosed, and available in a timely fashion, for prior public review and comment.

The DRBC Commissioners MUST be "hands-on" involved and engaged in decisions, as they are representatives of our elected government, are accessible to us, and are required to respect our rights and protect the environment for the public good.

The proposed rulemaking proposes to eliminate the CRBC Commissioners ability to represent the public, and to eliminate the ability of the public to represent itself.

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Thank you for reading this in full and giving it your full consideration.

Respectfully,
Shannon Pendleton