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Carol R. Collier
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Dear Ms. Collier:

I have been closely following a serious issue regarding the water flow of the lower West Branch and Main Stem of the Delaware River, and I am writing to you to encourage the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) to reevaluate its current protocols and develop a rational, environmentally sound water release plan.

As you may know, the West Branch and Main Stem of the Delaware River are considered by many as the best dry fly rivers in the nation for large, wild rising trout. But the current water release protocols listed in the Flexible Flow Management Program (FFMP), as approved by the DRBC, has put this exceptional trout fishery in jeopardy.

The inconsistencies in water release rates under the current FFMP are causing hazardous water levels and temperatures that are lethal for the beautiful wild brown and rainbow trout population in this waterway.

It is my hope that the DRBC will restructure the FFMP and develop a water release plan that offers a steady flow of water that will preserve the fishery and promote the culture and traditions of angling that so many Pennsylvanians enjoy.

For many sportsmen, fishing is a family affair, and it is important that we help to pass down these traditions to future generations. On a personal note, I am an avid fisherman and also enjoy boating, and I have shared these traditions with my sons. It is my hope that they are able to pass them down to their children as well.

Through the adoption of a common-sense water release program by the DRBC, we have the opportunity to preserve a pristine fishery full of large, wild trout that not only offers a prime destination for anglers and others who enjoy outdoor recreation, but also enhances the quality of life for many in our region.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Todd A. Eachus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal stroke at the top.

Todd A. Eachus
Majority Leader
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