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Honorable Mary Jo White  
169 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator White:

It is my understanding that the Department of Environmental Protection will soon submit rewritten water quality regulations for final form analysis by the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. As I have written to you in the past, I am concerned about the impact of the new standard for the discharge of the element molybdenum.

This change impacts primarily one manufacturer statewide, the Osram Sylvania Products Corp which operates a major manufacturing plant in Towanda, Bradford County. The plant employs approximately 1000 of my constituents who could be negatively affected if the severity of this regulatory change is not mitigated.

The presence of molybdenum in non-drinking water does not have a significant environmental concern associated with it, and in fact the element is linked positively to the health of some environments.

As the associated risk of danger to the environment is very low and the costs to a major Pennsylvania employers is high, I would request that all reasonable steps be taken to ensure that this regulatory change does not create further economic hardships for Pennsylvania manufacturers, especially now at a time when the economic forecast for the Commonwealth is already unsettled.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger A. Madigan".

ROGER A. MADIGAN  
SENATOR

cc: Senator Raphael J. Musto  
Senator J. Barry Stout