



Pennsylvania Municipal League
President – Danene Sorace, Mayor, City of Lancaster



Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners
President – Sam Valenza, Commissioner, Upper Moreland Township

MEMO

To: Members of the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
From: Amy Sturges, Deputy Executive Director for Advocacy, PML and PSATC
Re: Opposition to action disapproving EQB Regulation 7-544
Date: August 1, 2022

On behalf of our member municipalities, the Pennsylvania Municipal League and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC) oppose any Committee action that would disapprove EQB Regulation 7-544.

This regulation is in response to federal EPA and Clean Water Act mandates. As such, Pennsylvania is required to act. Our Commonwealth will face mandatory financial sanctions if the regulation is set aside.

We are very concerned about the state and local impact of the sanctions, which will be a loss of over \$500 million in federal highway trust fund dollars. Pennsylvania can ill afford to lose these funds given the current transportation funding gap we face. Sanctions will only make matters worse by delaying or cancelling scheduled projects. Furthermore, these delays and cancellations will have a negative ripple effect on other road and bridge projects.

Respectfully, we request that the Committee not take up a resolution to disapprove EQB Regulation 7-544.

Thank you for your consideration.