

Dear President Donald J. Trump,

February 08, 2020

**We, the citizens of Pennsylvania, urge you to END/REPEAL the Obama mandate known as Executive Order - 13508 Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration and the MS4 Program (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)).**

The MS4's birth was under the Federal Clean Water Act of 2002, when DEP issued a General Permit ("PAG-13") for use by **MS4s** that fall under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II program, requiring the implementation of a stormwater management program for minimizing the impacts from runoff.

We are weighted by a LARGE \*"Rain Tax" of the above Executive Order 13508 and MS4 Permit. This unfair and unfunded mandate was pushed from the local municipalities to the individual taxpayer directly through high priced contracted entities taking advantage of Pennsylvania residents.

In 2016, the people of Pennsylvania strongly voted for you, Mr. President. Now we need you in 2020 to **put an end to Executive Order 13508 and the MS4 Program**. We are waiting for you to address this, as it is the most important issue in Pennsylvania.

We have lost more than any gain there would have been from your Financial and Economic Recovery Plan because of this burden. The 32 municipalities in Luzerne County alone are shelling out \$8.5 million dollars annually (not including grants and other funding) to no end and with no real results. Hardworking blue-collared Americans, the retired and elderly are being "taxed" out of their homes. Your citizens are in desperate need of your attention to this matter.

The economic depression caused **by this "RAIN TAX," disguised as stormwater fees**, is crippling your voters of Pennsylvania. The trickle down from this "tax" has each taxpayer paying for our properties, our church properties, nonprofits, commercial, local and county government properties, fire departments, school properties and so on. EVERY property is taxed with this fee. Which means each taxpayer pays this fee repeatedly. They calculate how much rain comes off your roof, driveway, etc. at a ridiculous and unreasonable rate with no real science or positive outcome. All Pennsylvanian eyes are watching to see who is willing to give us the much-needed relief, by ending Executive Order 13508 and the MS4. **It is an unfunded mandate in violation of the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995.**

**In short, we humbly beg you to END THE RAIN TAX known as Executive Order 13508 - Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration and END the MS4 Permits.**

Sincerely,

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**Taxpayer and Voter of Pennsylvania**

\* "RAIN TAX"- Stormwater Fee. More information: [people@taxpayerpower.com](mailto:people@taxpayerpower.com)