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To Whom it May Concern,

I have some concerns over how the MS4 stormwater is being handled. As a small business owner my local share is almost \$ 10,000.00 per year.

I understand if we truly do need this type of Stormwater management why is it not a state managed and assessed system?

It is a major burden on small business owner's when in fact the state and local highway/streets are the major culprit of run off and they are not even calculated into the equation? Along this line we have school districts. Municipal/Govt owned properties that are getting the same sort of assessment as the local business HOWEVER they have the luxury of passing the cost to local folks via tax increase etc. I can't do that and keep competitive with local big box stores in neighboring MD that do not have this type of cost it is passed on statewide as a much smaller dollar amount.

I also understand no one can truly show what if any these fees and programs will in fact impact the clean water etc. this program is designed for.

I am sure you are hearing many, many upset folks and business on this topic and that is why I will limit my concerns to this short letter.

Thanks In Advance

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