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Hi Tyler

As a public comment I would like to interject this:

I recognize the states position on increased fees; the problem is small communities are struggling already to meet the requests and rule changes to the permitting proposed by DEQ and EPA.

Our communities are small and most of our constituents are on a fixed income, or some limited amount of income.

As rural communities do not have the base population that supports higher fees that we have to pass on to our customers.

This comes at a time when we are being hit with high inflation and costs associated with infrastructure deterioration.

I appreciate the lack of funding from the Federal government is making it harder to continue to run the status quo but

as with our town we have to make do with what we have and figure out what's going to be the priority.

Sincerely

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