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Dear: (See Example Page)

I am writing to urge you to act to relieve the Municipality of Penn Hills from the punitive provisions of the Consent Decree that was imposed on our community by the U.S. Department of Justice in 1998.

Our municipality has spent over sixty million dollars to improve our sewer systems required by this Consent Decree. In addition, Penn Hills is much more advanced than surrounding communities with wet weather controls and related capital projects. In fact, because of the high cost of implementing provisions of the Consent Decree, there is minimal funding available to routinely assess our system and perform the maintenance that is needed.

Penn Hills would like to become part of the regional approach here in Allegheny County which includes assessments of municipal systems, regional feasibility studies, and wet weather planning. This proactive approach is much more effective and cost-efficient in operating our system compared to the Consent Decree.

The current provisions of the decree result in higher individual sewage rates for the Penn Hills residents compared to other local municipalities. Continuing on this path is paralyzing the fiscal health and vitality of our community.

The Municipality of Penn Hills and its residents have been punished long enough.

We feel we have paid our debt to the federal government and we want equal treatment among all the communities in our region.

Please act to help Penn Hills and its' citizens in terminating this Consent Decree and its punitive provisions.

Sincerely,

**EXAMPLE:**

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