



Help Us Lobby For Help With Sewer Debt Write Your Representatives

Dear Penn Hills Residents:

The attached letter has been prepared for your consideration and possible use in lobbying our local elected officials for help with our sewer debt. We encourage you to send this letter or a similar letter in your own words to our local representatives. If you have any questions please contact the Penn Hills Manager's Office at 412-798-2100.

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Senator Robert Casey 425 Sixth Ave. #2490 Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

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Concerned Penn Hills Resident

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RE: Sanitary Sewers Assistance

Dear Congressman/Senator :

I'm writing as a citizen of Penn Hills with a request for assistance. You will find that now, after many years of construction and 60 million dollars of local tax payer's expenditures, the Municipality of Penn Hills is no longer the victim of a federal consent decree for its sanitary sewage woes. The residents of Penn Hills through our current Mayor and Council have completed a list of mandates and have paid dearly in this process. We now suffer with high sewer bills and a massive debt but we have done what the federal government asked us to do. The consent decree has been lifted.

We now see a time when other communities in Allegheny County will be facing the same dilemma. Many representatives have already spoken out on the need to help these communities and we know that you will offer as much support as possible. We know that these communities need help and we ask that you help our neighbors who are in no better financial position than Penn Hills.

However, we also ask that you find a way to help Penn Hills. We are concerned that programs will be developed to help communities with financing and construction but **not debt**. We ask for leadership from your office. We suffer from a large capital debt due to mandated sewage projects imposed by the Federal EPA. We need a representative to intervene during the program design period. We need a pathway to assistance for communities with large capital debt for sewage facilities and high sewer bills. We need your help.

Sincerely,

Concerned Penn Hills Resident

c- Penn Hills Mayor and Council