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PENNVEST is able to issue fairly significant grants to projects in communities with like characteristics. Because we have approached the solution to our sewage problems regionally, through SVSA, we would hope it does not receive any less consideration, in the form of grant money, than we would have received if each municipality had proceeded independently.

We do want to note that we appreciate all the consideration shown by PENNVEST to SVSA to date. We write to urge and ask your kind support of SVSA's PENNVEST application consistent with PENNVEST's guidelines. We send this letter and our resolve on behalf of all fellow elected officials and our citizens. Thank you.

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TOWNSHIP OF SCHUYLKILL:

By: _____
Albert Lubinsky

By: Joseph Boran
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MIDDLEPORT BOROUGH:

NEW PHILADELPHIA BOROUGH:

By: _____
Anthony Thomas

By: _____
Paul Egan

SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SEWER AUTHORITY

By: John J. Nottavage
John J. Nottavage, Chairman

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Re: Schuylkill Valley Sewer Authority
PennVest Financing
Our File No. 3586-3

Dear Municipal Secretaries:

Enclosed is a proposed letter, in draft, to several elected officials in our area regarding the Schuylkill Valley Sewer Authority project. My hope is to have you adopt a Resolution at your next regularly scheduled meeting to support and approve sending the letter. Further, it is my hope that each of you could either provide me a signed Resolution supporting the letter or could have your elected officials individually sign the letter or duplicate signature pages of this letter (provided), such that we could send this letter (signed by as many people as possible and/or accompanied by as many Resolutions as possible) to the elected officials in support of SVSA's application to PennVest. It would be polite, especially since PennVest has not been anything other than fair in its dealings with us to date, to notify PennVest of this letter, which I would do by sending them a copy of it. Please let me hear from you as to whether this letter and/or a Resolution incorporating it can be signed at your next meeting for pickup by someone from my office in time to deliver it before the PennVest board meeting scheduled to take place in mid-November. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

CERULLO, DATTE & WALLBILLICH, P.C.

By: 

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Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, are elected officials from the various municipalities which formed the Schuylkill Valley Sewer Authority. The Schuylkill Valley Sewer Authority currently has an application pending before PENNVEST for financing the construction of improvements which would, for the first time ever, sewer the Schuylkill Valley Sewer Authority and stop the practice of wildcat disposal of raw sewage into the headwaters of the Schuylkill River. Obviously, this project is very worthwhile and one which we strongly support.

The dual purpose of this letter is to express to you our commitment to the project and to ask for your support. Please give all due consideration and lend your support to the grant component of the funding request currently before PENNVEST and scheduled for consideration at PENNVEST's November 19, 2003 Board Meeting.

The Schuylkill Valley Sewer Authority is comprised of four municipalities, the Townships of Blythe and Schuylkill and the Boroughs of Middleport and New Philadelphia. Our demographics include many senior citizens and households at or below poverty level incomes. We have noticed

