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Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rate Board
c/o Marie McNeill via email (waterrateboard@phila.gov)
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1101 Market Street, 5th Floor
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Dear Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rate Board:

I am writing in support of the Enhanced CAP program made available through the Philadelphia Water Department, which enables certain non-residential users to gradually arrive at the new parcel-based storm water rate.

Certain types of properties with limited pervious surface area were impacted dramatically by the new fees calculated for the rollout of *Green Cities Clean Waters*. In many cases opportunities to remediate stormwater runoff are limited not just by finances but by the land itself. Many of these users are local economic drivers, creating and sustaining employment opportunities in the city.

The Enhanced CAP program is the result of working with these disproportionately impacted property owners on a solution that helps the water department reach its *Green Cities Clean Waters* goals while also enabling our local businesses to adjust to these new costs over time and make suitable financial plans.

I would urge that this program be continued and funded as originally designed. The FY16 budgeted cost for CAP was \$3.5 million. The program is closed to new applicants, and therefore, its cost should remain predictable and continuously in decline.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobby Henon".

Councilman Bobby Henon
Sixth Council District,