



## The Township of Ewing

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The Honorable Phil Murphy  
Governor, State of New Jersey  
Office of the Governor  
PO Box 001  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

### **RE: Expressing Support for the Formation of a Regional Water Authority**

Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing on behalf of Ewing Township to formally propose the regionalization of our water authority services. As outlined in my public statement earlier this month, Ewing Township received New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Shawn LaTourette's July 29 letter regarding the ongoing challenges facing Trenton Water Works (TWW). As the only municipality other than Trenton that is wholly dependent on TWW, we are deeply invested in the long-term reliability, safety, and sustainability of our regional water supply.

As I stated at the time, "this is about the health and safety of all of the more than 200,000 residents served by Trenton Water Works, including the majority who live outside of Trenton." I reaffirm my call for the City of Trenton to comply fully with DEP's directive, and to earnestly explore regional restructuring as a path forward.

In that spirit, Ewing Township believes that a regionalized water authority offers the most effective and equitable long-term solution for all stakeholders. By consolidating resources, expertise, and infrastructure under a regional model, we can:

- Improve Efficiency by reducing administrative redundancies and streamlining operations.
- Enhance Reliability through coordinated upgrades that strengthen system resiliency against droughts, climate impacts, and emergencies.
- Promote Affordability by stabilizing rates and sharing costs across a broader base of customers.
- Advance Sustainability by investing collectively in modern, environmentally responsible infrastructure.

We are eager to begin a productive dialogue on the framework and next steps for regionalization, including governance, financial models, and service agreements that would ensure fair representation for all participating communities.

We believe this moment calls for bold collaboration and decisive leadership. A regional water authority can become a model of shared responsibility and public trust—one that reflects our shared commitment to protecting public health and delivering high-quality services to every resident in our region.

Thank you for your continued leadership and attention to this vital matter.

Sincerely,

Bert H. Steinmann  
Mayor, Ewing Township

Enclosure

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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
Mayor Reed Gusciora, Trenton  
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