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**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2019 11:25:46 PM  
**To:** james.white@deq.virginia.gov  
**Subject:** Registration Number 61653 - Protect our Forests and our Health  
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Dear Virginia Department Of Environmental Quality,

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Sep 20, 2019

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Sincerely,

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Sep 20, 2019

James White

Dear Permitting Officer, White,

As someone who is EXTREMELY concerned about climate change and the catastrophic circumstances that will follow, I am writing to strongly urge you to deny Enviva's proposed expansion. I absolutely oppose any expansion in production at the Enviva Southampton County wood pellet facility. Additionally, I call on VA DEQ to decouple Enviva's permit for expansion with their permit for air pollution controls. Enviva MUST be required to install air pollution controls that their competitors in other states have used for years. Since Enviva's destruction of southern forests is catastrophic in and of itself, the public must have the ability to comment on these two separate issues independent of each other.

To say that I am deeply concerned with the expansion of the wood pellet industry, led by Enviva, and the industry's impact on Virginia's forests, communities, and the climate is an understatement. I find it horrifying as well as extremely careless.

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It is my understanding that Enviva has been documented numerous times logging in the Roanoke River Basin, a river that has already flooded Southampton County numerous times! WHY IN THE WORLD is this occurring??? As our coastal communities prepare for more frequent and intense hurricanes, it is more important than ever to invest in nature to protect communities from the damage wrought by these intense storms. Natural forests and wetlands absorb floodwaters and slow them down, buffering communities from flooding and reducing costly property damage.

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I emphatically urge you to deny this Air Quality permit, Registration Number 61653, and any other proposals made by Enviva to expand operations. Additionally, I call on VA DEQ to immediately decouple Enviva's permit for expansion with their permit for air pollution controls. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this permit.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Letter of Support for Enviva Southampton

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**Attachments:**

[Enviva Southampton.pdf](#);

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Dear Mr. White,

Attached please find a letter of support from Delegate Roslyn Tyler for the permit application submitted for Enviva to install additional air quality control equipment.

Should there be further information needed do not hesitate to contact Delegate Tyler's office.

Thanking you,

Mary Beth Washington

Legislative Aide to

Delegate Roslyn Tyler

District Phone: 434-336-1710



**ROSLYN C. TYLER**

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SEVENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
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ROSLYN C. TYLER

September 18, 2019

Mr. James White  
DEQ Tidewater Regional Office  
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Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

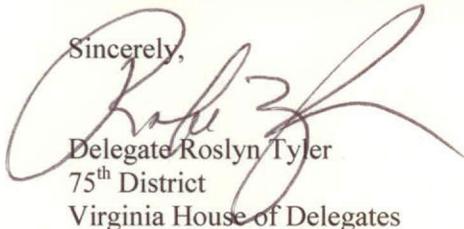
Dear Mr. White,

This is a letter of support for the permit application submitted for Enviva to install additional air quality control equipment to expand their operations at their Southampton Facility. The granting of this permit will allow Enviva to increase production volume and increase the percentage of soft wood used.

Enviva supports nearly 450 direct and 100 indirect jobs in Virginia. They have invested more than \$170 million in Virginia and never been out of compliance with its permit. The air permit will allow them to install additional air emission control equipment to further minimize air emissions. This will help keep our environment safe and families safe in our communities.

I am pleased to support Enviva Expansion in Southampton County and request that VA DEQ please approve the permit to install additional air quality controls equipment. Thank you for your consideration and should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Delegate Roslyn Tyler  
75<sup>th</sup> District  
Virginia House of Delegates

cc:

Taylor Fitts, Vice President of Communications, US Industrial Pellet Association  
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Trees should be planted not cut down. Considering the years of violations of the Clean Air Act and cover-ups, allowing more trees to be cut down by these criminals can not possibly be justified.

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