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Dear Commissioners,

The world is running out of drinking water and we need to protect our drinking water sources. Fracking is extremely detrimental to the environment and our water sources and simply cannot be allowed. In the coming years when the Water Crisis gets worse those who are responsible will be held accountable.

In a press event at COP23, Robert Howarth, the David R. Atkinson Professor of Ecology at Cornell University said, "Methane is an important greenhouse gas and is currently responsible for an amount of global warming equal to approximately 60% of that caused by carbon dioxide. Methane reductions offer one of the few available approaches to immediately slow the rate of global warming, since the climate responds more quickly to decreases in methane compared to carbon dioxide." A ban on fracking in the Delaware River Basin is an important step in limiting methane emissions, but allowing water withdrawals and the processing of fracking waste in the Basin will only enable more fracking and, therefore, more methane leaks outside of the basin.

Transmission lines have served as the conduit that connects fracking in Pennsylvania to power plants, processing facilities, export facilities, and other infrastructure projects that have spread through the state and across its borders into neighboring states. In the final report of the Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force, PA DEP chief John Quigley said that within a few years, "In the next decade, Pennsylvania will undergo a substantial pipeline infrastructure build-out to transport gas and related byproducts from thousands of wells throughout the state.... The result will impact communities and the environment in every PA County." The DRBC's draft regulations do not address pipelines or any of the other infrastructure build-out occurring in the basin. Nevertheless, the regulations that would allow fracking waste to be brought into the basin and clean water to be taken out enable more fracking. And more fracking means more pipelines, more infrastructure.

On March 13, leading scientists and physicians released the Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking, 5th Edition documenting fracking's harm to public health. Please read all of the study's findings. Their conclusion, and mine, is that the only way to

truly protect public health is to prohibit fracking and all its associated activities (waste hauling, treatment, disposal). I urge you to ban all of these activities in your final regulations.

Sincerely,

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