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Dear Commissioners,

Knowing that the Delaware River is the last major un-damned river east of the Mississippi River, and that it is clean enough for 17 million people to use it as a source of drinking water, prompted me to write to the DRBC to request a complete ban on all aspects of oil and gas fracking in the river basin.

Enabling the shale gas industry by allowing it to take our water and dump its waste in the basin means that we can expect more industrialization in the basin. We will see more pipelines, power plants, and processing facilities. All of that shale gas infrastructure is designed to be around longer than we can afford to be using fossil fuels. If the Commissioners take into account the cumulative climate impacts of the regulations they are considering, they will see they have no choice but to ban all fracking-related activities in the basin.

Changes to stream water quality occur where gas drilling and related activities are located. For instance, a publication of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences found streams adjacent to gas wells are negatively impacted by runoff and sedimentation (Total Suspended Solids), harming benthic life, fish and wildlife and causing streams to be eroded and destabilized. DRBC follows the state's stormwater rules where a project is located, leaving loopholes in current nonpoint source laws that allow fracking activities to escape strict oversight. This would be a recipe for disaster if fracking were to occur, which is why it must be banned in the Delaware River Watershed.

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.

In 2015, I toured Tunkhannock PA for an hour by car. During that hour, I counted seeing 20 trucks and 6 cars on residential roads. The area I knew before fracking had been transformed into an industrial zone. Please do not allow any fracking or fracking-related activities in the Delaware River Basin - it would risk

changing the area to an industrial zone. It would ruin the experience many people currently enjoy in our National Scenic Recreational Area.

Sincerely

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