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Hello,

As a long-time resident of NYC and NYS, I am deeply concerned about the health, economic, and ecological impacts of hydraulic fracturing in the Delaware River Basin. It has been established beyond a shadow of a doubt that fracking causes lasting/permanent damage to our precious ecosystems and has catastrophic human health consequences that will likely persist for generations if we allow our environments to be toxified in the pursuit of short-term profits. It is also quite clear that the future of energy lies in renewables, and that every day that we delay making a full transition to renewable energy sources is a day lost. By allowing greedy and self-interested corporations to extract this extremely dirty fuel, we not only devastate our communities and ecosystems, but we hamper our own progress towards a more sustainable future, and put ourselves at an economic disadvantage as the world changes rapidly.

I strongly urge the DRBC to stand by their band on fracking in the Delaware River Basin, and to give that band teeth by ensuring that freshwater is not wasted and polluted through being used for fracking, and that fracking wastewater is not allowed to pollute our rivers, watersheds, and wells. We are counting on you to do this for us and for future generations.

Tom