

1 River Keeper Network supports
2 that portion of the regulatory
3 proposal that bans fracking in
4 the Delaware River watershed.
5 But to be fully acceptable, the
6 Delaware River Basin
7 Commission's regulations must
8 say no entirely to every aspect
9 of the fracking industry,
10 including the wastewater and
11 the water withdrawals, so that
12 we cannot allow our watershed
13 to become a sacrifice zone, nor
14 allow our watershed to be used
15 to sacrifice others, including
16 future generations who will be
17 saved or sacrificed by the
18 decision that we are making
19 today. Thank you.

20 HEARING OFFICER:

21 Thank you. Alicia
22 Dorsey. And then Steve Bacher.
23 And then Susan Carty. Okay.
24 Ms. Dorsey?

25 MS. DORSEY:

1 Yes.

2 HEARING OFFICER:

3 That's a very
4 well-behaved baby.

5 MS. DORSEY:

6 Thank you. So I'm
7 Alicia Dorsey. This is my
8 granddaughter, Katie Dorsey.
9 We are testifying today with
10 hopes that we can achieve a
11 complete and permanent ban on
12 natural gas drilling, and
13 fracking, and all related
14 activities including water
15 waste processing, and discharge
16 from the water withdrawals,
17 from drilling and fracking
18 operations through the Delaware
19 River watershed.

20 I, along with others,
21 have been advocating for
22 approximately --- the dig for
23 fossil energy is causing major
24 damage to our health when
25 allowing these fracking

1 companies to dump their waste
2 into the Delaware River Basin.
3 A ban on fracking in the
4 Delaware River Basin would
5 limit water pollution.

6 I'm begging you to
7 protect our natural environment
8 and source of life. We need
9 the Delaware River Basin to be
10 fossil waste-free. And we are
11 depending on you, our
12 Commission, our Delaware River
13 Basin Commission, to protect
14 our natural resources at the
15 Delaware River Basin.

16 My granddaughter and the
17 rest of my grandchildren, along
18 with the rest of us in
19 Pennsylvania, have a right to
20 clean air and clean water. We
21 have laws to govern the quality
22 of our air and our water. And
23 these laws, along with the
24 moratorium, need to be
25 enforced.

1 After exhaustive
2 studies, the state of New York
3 prohibited fracking based on
4 environmental and public health
5 analysts.

6 The New York Department
7 of Health conducted that ---
8 the overall weight of evidence
9 demonstrated that the
10 likelihood that adverse health
11 outcomes and environmental
12 impacts on fracking could not
13 be prevented, leading to the
14 governors decision to ban high
15 volume hydraulic fracking in
16 the state.

17 The State of Maryland
18 also currently banned fracking
19 after years of study based on
20 potential or at-risk public
21 health and environmental
22 impacts. And it's really for
23 my grandchildren that I'm here.
24 Because these effects will
25 affect us right now, but it's

1 more or less for the future of
2 my grandchildren and their
3 health and their safety.

4 HEARING OFFICER:

5 Thank you, ma'am. Steve
6 Bacher will be next. And then
7 Susan Carty. And then Karen
8 Melton. Mr. Bacher,
9 B-A-C-H-E-R. I might be
10 mispronouncing it. Not here.
11 I'll call that name again.
12 Susan Carty, please. Okay.
13 Ms. Carty, when you're ready.
14 All right.

15 MS. CARTY:

16 All right. Thank you.
17 I do have a letter that was
18 sent. I'm the President of the
19 Pennsylvania League of Women
20 Voters. And I do have a copy
21 of the letter from January 2017
22 that was submitted to the River
23 Basin Commission from four
24 state leagues. I'll pass that
25 on shortly.