

1 I want to urge the  
2 Commission to consider the scientific  
3 data, the available studies, both state  
4 and federal regulations and also  
5 industry best practices and the  
6 significant technology and engineering  
7 advancements in this industry that make  
8 safe and responsible development  
9 possible. We have seen it work across  
10 the Commonwealth and all over the  
11 nation. We can have safe and  
12 responsible development in the Delaware  
13 River basin as well.

14 HEARING OFFICER:

15 Okay. Thank you, ma'am.  
16 All right. Jeanne Cimorelli would be  
17 next, and then Jodi Roggie and then  
18 Beth Kelley. Okay. Jeanne Cimorelli;  
19 is that right?

20 MS. CIMORELLI:

21 Yes.

22 HEARING OFFICER:

23 Okay. Ma'am, please.

24 MS. CIMORELLI:

25 Good afternoon. My name

1 is Jeanne Cimorelli. I am a lifelong  
2 resident of Orange County, New York and  
3 I made a special long trip to be here  
4 today to speak to you guys.

5 I'm a regular visitor to  
6 the Delaware River. I'm an avid outdoor  
7 person, be it kayaking, I'm a wildlife  
8 enthusiast, bird watching, an arborist  
9 and photographer. And I visit the  
10 Delaware River all the way from north,  
11 all the way to the Delaware Bay to the  
12 parks that are down there.

13 Back in January, I  
14 attended one of the Commission's public  
15 hearings and I listened to comments  
16 from both sides of debate, statements  
17 ranging from save the environment,  
18 protect water to don't tell me what to  
19 do with my land and you're  
20 overreaching. And I sat and I listened  
21 and in today's political climate, I  
22 said, what is the common denominator?  
23 What's the common ground between these  
24 two sides?

25 And I came up with one

1 thing, and that one thing is the river.  
2 Even people who supported fracking on  
3 that side, they said, hey, now I'd be  
4 the first one to tell you, I don't want  
5 to see anything happen to the river.

6 So the love of the river  
7 and the preservation of the river is  
8 one common ground between both sides.  
9 Nobody wants to see anything happen to  
10 it. From what they said on the other  
11 side, on the pro fracking side, they  
12 said don't tell me what to do with my  
13 land.

14 They wanted to be able to  
15 sell rights or whatever. That to me is  
16 --- is --- that would benefit just a  
17 small number of property owners. If  
18 something were to happen with that  
19 storage, wastewater, byproduct storage  
20 of fracking hydraulics, it would be the  
21 municipalities and our first responders  
22 and the resources.

23 So while a few people may  
24 benefit from a monetary gain, it's  
25 going to be many people that have to

1 support the cleanup.

2 And to me, it's not a  
3 matter of if, it's a matter of when,  
4 because things do fail.

5 So in closing, I'd like  
6 to say that we here on the east coast  
7 have an abundance of water and I don't  
8 want the Commission to be complacent by  
9 thinking --- by not giving due respect  
10 to this valuable asset we have, this  
11 precious asset of clean water.

12 Many people on the west  
13 coast and drought-stricken countries  
14 would agree that you should do your  
15 best to safeguard this precious river  
16 and this precious asset that we have.

17 So to that end, I would  
18 urge you to continue to ban fracking  
19 and also a ban on any wastewater  
20 storage, byproduct storage and  
21 therefore, really most anything that  
22 could absolutely threaten this  
23 precious, precious clean water that we  
24 have. Thank you.

25 HEARING OFFICER: