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As you know, the nontidal Delaware River (from the headwaters in New York State all the way downstream to south of Trenton, NJ) is the longest stretch of anti-degradation waters in the nation, requiring that the river's exceptional water quality not be degraded under the DRBC's Special Protection Waters regulations.

I grew up in Pennsylvania, 10 miles from the Delaware, and we had a cabin on the River. In the 1970's, before the Federal Clean Water Act, the water quality in the river was significantly worse.

Please do not return us to that time. We need to protect this precious resource. I now live in NJ, with my daughters, still in the Delaware River Watershed. I would like my daughters to know the wonders of the River that I grew up with.

As stated by Jeff Tittel, Director of the New Jersey Sierra Club, "this resolution is one step forward with a giant step backwards. We support a ban on fracking; however, this resolution includes language that allows for the treatment and dumping of fracking waste in the Basin. The whole purpose of a fracking ban is to protect our water from the toxic chemicals of fracking. We will oppose the resolution unless they remove the dangerous language to allow fracking waste dumping and treatment. We're telling the DRBC to ban fracking and don't dump on the Delaware!"

Please do not allow dumping of fracking waste or any other activities related to fracking in the Watershed which can cause significant damage to the River and/or the Watershed. Please protect this resource and environment for my daughters and future generations.

Thank you,
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