

1     Pike Counties have consistently  
2     demonstrated that they are good  
3     stewards of the land, the water and  
4     the environment. And they should be  
5     permitted to continue exercising their  
6     prerogatives and judgements. Thank  
7     you.

8                    HEARING OFFICER:

9                    The next person on deck  
10     would be Laurie Ramie, and I believe  
11     the next speaker would be Kevin Paul  
12     McGuinness.

13                   MR. MCGUINNESS:

14                   Hi. My name is Kevin  
15     McGuinness. I'm Chairman of Dyberry  
16     Township Supervisors. I'm here to  
17     state the Supervisors' opposition to  
18     the fracking ban.

19                   The ban that is in  
20     effect are taking the property rights  
21     and the assets without compensation.  
22     Not only is this action un-American,  
23     but it's also a violation of the  
24     United States Constitution. The DRBC  
25     is proposing to steal property rights

1 and gas assets from law abiding tax  
2 paying property owners of Wayne  
3 County.

4 Here are the facts.  
5 There are over 11,000 oil and gas  
6 wells in Pennsylvania that are deeper  
7 than Marcellus shale. Fracking has  
8 been standard practice in Pennsylvania  
9 since the '50s without any known  
10 adverse effects. Marcellus drillers  
11 drill wells to exceed DEP regulations.  
12 Former Governor Tom Corbett wrote to  
13 the DRBC complaining about the huge  
14 economic losses Wayne County residents  
15 and landowners were experiencing.

16 He further mentioned  
17 that there will be legal ramifications  
18 if the ban continues. The Assistant  
19 Commissioner of New Jersey DEP Water  
20 Resource Management, John Plonski,  
21 personally wrote me a letter stating  
22 New Jersey does not believe the DRBC  
23 regulations should expand into areas  
24 that are under state authority.

25 He further stated that

1 the New Jersey DEP wants the DRBC to  
2 adopt regulations that actively  
3 protect water resources while enabling  
4 the natural gas industry to proceed  
5 responsibly in developing these energy  
6 resources.

7 The DRBC and the SRBC  
8 are both controlled by the same  
9 governing majority. PA Governor Wolf  
10 sits on both the SRBC and DRBC Boards.  
11 Why has Governor Wolf allowed fracking  
12 in his own county of York, but oppose  
13 it Wayne County?

14 Over 3,000 wells have  
15 been fracked in the SRBC over the last  
16 ten years, and the SRBC has stated, to  
17 date, there is no discernable impact  
18 on hydraulic fracking on the waters of  
19 the Susquehanna Basin. In closing,  
20 the ban on fracking will destroy the  
21 Wayne County Property values, depress  
22 Wayne County incomes, steal assets  
23 away from law abiding property owners,  
24 stall the job growth, greatly reduce  
25 local and state tax receipts, increase

1 the cost of natural gas, and violate  
2 the Constitution of the Unites States.

3 This is a politically  
4 motivated taking of property rights  
5 and assets without compensation. The  
6 proposed ban is an illegal act. If  
7 you want our gas rights, pay for them  
8 just as the gas companies did ten  
9 years ago when they were leasing them.  
10 Dyberry Township Supervisors want you  
11 to know that we are strongly opposed  
12 to the ban and we will fight it.  
13 Thank you.

14 HEARING OFFICER:

15 The next person in the  
16 on deck circle, so to speak, is Vera  
17 Scroggins. And the next speaker is  
18 going to be Ms. Nolan --- Cathy Nolan?

19 DR. NOLAN:

20 Dr. Nolan.

21 HEARING OFFICER:

22 Dr. Nolan?

23 DR. NOLAN:

24 I'm the Research  
25 Director for Catskill Mountainkeeper,