

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.

1                   HEARING OFFICER:

2                   Good.

3                   MS. CARTY:

4                   Okay. Again, I'm Susan  
5                   Carty, President of the League  
6                   of Women Voters of  
7                   Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania  
8                   League has been deeply involved  
9                   with issues related to shale  
10                  gas activities and oversight  
11                  for several years.

12                  Over the last ten years,  
13                  we undertook a series of  
14                  in-depth studies on the issues  
15                  covering environmental and  
16                  economic impacts, regulations,  
17                  permitting, and most recently,  
18                  health impacts.

19                  Our position supports,  
20                  quote, the maximum protection  
21                  of public health and  
22                  environment, in all aspects of  
23                  Marcellus shale natural gas  
24                  production, site restoration,  
25                  and delivery.

1                   And therefore, we are  
2                   here today to appeal to you  
3                   with a deep interest in the  
4                   proposed rule that is under  
5                   consideration.

6                   The League strongly  
7                   supports the Commission's  
8                   proposed prohibition of high  
9                   volume hydraulic fracking given  
10                  its determination that the risk  
11                  to the public health and water  
12                  quality are significant.

13                  The decision also is  
14                  consistent with the findings  
15                  and policy of the New York  
16                  Department of Environmental  
17                  Conservation, which found that  
18                  there are no feasible or proven  
19                  alternatives that would  
20                  adequately avoid or minimize  
21                  adverse environmental impacts,  
22                  and which prohibits high volume  
23                  hydraulic fracking in the upper  
24                  portion of the basin.

25                  We believe that

1           establishing a uniform basin  
2           wide policy to maximize the  
3           protection of water quality and  
4           the public health is of  
5           critical significance.

6                     In light of the  
7           Commission's cautious and  
8           protective decisions on high  
9           volume hydraulic fracturing,  
10          we're concerned that the  
11          proposed rule appears to offer  
12          a degree of leeway in handling  
13          of fracking related wastewater.  
14          We appreciate the rule  
15          proponents which close a  
16          loophole in the federal  
17          regulation. And we support the  
18          Commission in placing stricter  
19          conditions on wastewater  
20          treatment at these facilities.

21                    We hope to see clearer  
22          detail on the permitting  
23          conditions that the Commission  
24          intends to impose for projects  
25          involving treatment and

1 discharge of wastewater within  
2 the basin.

3 We believe that the  
4 maximum protection of public  
5 health and the environment need  
6 to be applied to handling of  
7 produced waters, as well as to  
8 high volume hydraulic  
9 fracturing operations.

10 We thank the Commission  
11 for the opportunity to comment  
12 today on these rules. And we  
13 hope that we will be able to  
14 feel confident in your  
15 decisions in the future.

16 HEARING OFFICER:

17 Thank you, ma'am.

18 MS. CARTY:

19 Thank you.

20 HEARING OFFICER:

21 Is Nancy Harkins here?  
22 Lena Smith? Let's see. Walter  
23 Jeranek? And Jennifer Coffey?  
24 Okay. No response on those.  
25 And the Steve Bacher is not