

## 1 Commissioners.

With all of that, I  
thank you for your patience through  
that and now I'm going to go through  
the list of registered speakers.

6 All right?

15 MR. FRITZ:

With that mentioned, one  
of my counties is in the Susquehanna  
River Basin and one is in the Delaware  
River Basin, and what a contrast that  
is.

6 Our purpose was to drill  
7 below the earth's surface to access an  
8 essential to life natural resource,  
9 that being water. I view natural gas  
10 the very same way, an essential to  
11 life natural resource, one that is  
12 long harvest --- one that has been  
13 long harvested in Pennsylvania with  
14 10,000-plus wells outside of the  
15 Delaware River Basin.

16 You see, Wayne County  
17 had been stuck at a red light during  
18 that seven plus year stretch of time.  
19 When you've heard DEP or the DRBC, we  
20 were respectfully told and repeatedly  
21 told there is forward progress, but  
22 the parties aren't there yet.

1 landowners, businesses and consumers  
2 everywhere else in the state, would be  
3 realized here. But here's what has  
4 happened in those seven plus years  
5 since:

24 As well, we've held a  
25 hearing right here in this very place

1       where the resounding message was  
2       support of natural gas development.

3                   As well, the Susquehanna  
4       River Basin has now had ten years to  
5       be able to look back and study and  
6       analyze the drilling activity in the  
7       Susquehanna River Basin. And here's  
8       the findings. No discernable impacts  
9       on groundwater in the Susquehanna  
10      River Basin.

11                  And lastly, but not  
12       least, the Pennsylvania House of  
13       Representatives soundly passed house  
14       resolution 515, a resolution urging  
15       the DRBC to cease for de-escalation of  
16       a permanent ban.

17                  I want to make it  
18       abundantly clear that Wayne County  
19       landowners feel deceived and misled.  
20       The DRBC has essentially robbed them  
21       --- robbed them of their property  
22       rights. And in my opinion, the DRBC  
23       is an example of an agency gone rogue.

24                  Let me drive it home  
25       with this. The DRBC has caused real