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I grew up in the watershed of the Delaware River and have seen great improvements in water quality over my lifetime. The local streams are places I played as a child and watch birds as an adult.

Natural gas extraction, directional drilling and hydrolic fracturing are simply incompatible with protecting water quality and drinking water aquifers that support Philadelphia and the densely populated surrounding area. It is a fool's choice to risk them for short-term access to natural gas reserves.

I am very concerned about the industry's track record elsewhere in the state. The rush to drill and dump produced wastewater back in rivers and treatment plants before environmental regulations could keep up and an array of losses and lawsuits.

We don't need these companies and these problems in the Delaware River Basin. I urge you to keep them off-limits to hydrolic fracturing and protect our water quality and public health.