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Dear Commission,

I write to support the Commission's proposal that effectively bans natural gas development in the Delaware River Basin region.

Our nation's public policies---at all levels of government---must be based on evidence, science, and necessity. We must support only renewable energy policies, and not leave an environment that is destroyed at all levels; land, air, and water. The legacy we pass on to our children must be one of health at all levels.

The evidence is clear that hydraulic fracturing is unsustainable and unsafe. Why does it matter that by using these techniques, the U.S. has become the largest producer of oil and natural gas in the world? Much better to use the same financial resources and become the world's sustainable energy leader. New levels of American sustainable energy development will help our nation recover from recession; see the success of New York's energy development.

The DRBC rule would set a wonderful and much needed precedent for expanding U.S. energy development. Hydraulic fracking, and especially the proposed fracking with lines reaching 10 miles underground from source, open our land and waters to the very real risk of spills and leaks, with destruction of habitat, pollution, earthquakes, and more. It is past time that we work to protect our planet for the sake of us all. Energy can be produced that is not harmful, as noted in the developments of many leading countries in the world.

The DRBC's proposed rule would move our nation in the correct direction. The DBRC should continue to impose new restrictions to protect us all.

I request that the Commission continue with and strengthen its new draft rule and revise to support American sustainable and renewable energy development.

Sincerely,

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