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### Enact a Permanent Ban on Fracking

I call for the state of New Jersey and the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) to enact a permanent ban on drilling and fracking for oil and natural gas and all related activities in the Delaware River Watershed. During the seven years of the DRBC drilling moratorium, scientific studies have exposed environmental harms and documented damaging health effects, leading New York and Maryland to ban fracking. The overwhelming weight of evidence shows that shale gas simply cannot be extracted safely, no matter what regulations are applied.

The State of New Jersey and the DRBC are responsible for protecting the water resources of the Delaware River Watershed — upon which 17 million people rely for their drinking water. This water supply and the Wild and Scenic Delaware River are irreplaceable. The time to enact a permanent ban is NOW.

**NO FRACKING THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN, EVER!**