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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to support the commission's proposal to prohibit hydraulic fracturing in the Delaware River Basin. I urge you to strengthen regulations that would allow the withdrawal of millions of gallons from our waters and send fracking wastewater into the basin for treatment.

As a Wildlife Biologist and avid flyfisher, I'm concerned about the potential impacts from this activity in a place that is home to sensitive ecosystems and some of the best trout fishing in the region.

I am extremely pleased to see these protective measures being put into place and supported to protect streams - future generations will thank you too.

Unfortunately I fear these measures may not be enough. I am concerned about water withdrawals for outside drilling. This could have major impacts on local trout habitat. The regulations do not spell out how we would be protected from low flows and high temperatures that could result if drillers were allowed to tap our streams for hydraulic fracturing.

Also, if treatment of fracking wastewater is permitted here, the commission should set water quality standards for all chemicals that could be present, so we are assured of proper treatment.

Finally, I'm very concerned about the commission's ability to enforce these regulations, and urge you to put in place sound inspection and monitoring protocols.

I appreciate the commission's thorough study of this issue and thank you for considering my comments. With some tightening, these measures will have a much greater impact - please continue to fight to protect trout habitat and clean water in the Delaware.

Sincerely,

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