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Dear Members of the Delaware River Basin Commission:

I am writing to urge you to ban fracking and save the Delaware River it's marine life, birds and mammals which live in and along side herald the local communities which depend on her for drinking, livelihood, and recreation.

As you know, the Delaware provides drinking water to 16 million people, 5% of America's drinking water. As important as this resource is for residents of New York, Philadelphia, and Southern New Jersey, this fracking ban and a ban of exporting fracking wastewater and near the basin is for all of us - all Americans.

The Delaware River is a national treasure and is one of the last pristine rivers on Earth. I've spent most of my summers as an adolescent and a young man in this Shangri-la, mostly at Ten Mile River Scout Reservation as a Scout and Scouter.

I urge you to be the guardians of this area and protect it for generations to come by banning fracking and fracking waste water in and around the basin.

Sincerely,

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