

1 population is just too high
2 along the banks of the Delaware
3 River to lose this precious
4 resource.

5 Our health depends on
6 keeping the river safe. Thank
7 you for hearing my remarks.
8 And thank you for making
9 available a chance to speak.

10 HEARING OFFICER:

11 Thank you, ma'am. Carl
12 Balis. And then Claudia Crane.
13 And followed by Sandra Folzer.

14 MR. BALIS:

15 My name is Carl Balis.
16 And I live in Glenolden,
17 Pennsylvania, which is only a
18 couple miles from here. I
19 don't have really too much to
20 say here because everything
21 that needs to be said has been
22 said by about 50 or 60 people
23 before me.

24 I just basically want to
25 stand as one more person who

1 lives in this area who endorses
2 everything they have said.
3 Just to be one more voice.

4 To me, the main thing
5 that went through my mind as I
6 listened to all of them was
7 common sense. That after a
8 point, you didn't need any
9 scientific studies or any great
10 knowledge, or deep thought.
11 You just know that when you're
12 putting tons and tons and tons
13 of chemicals into the
14 environment can only have one
15 effect. And that is not good.

16 You know, it has to be a
17 negative effect. You know, you
18 don't have to be an --- as I
19 was thinking to myself, if you
20 have the common sense of a tree
21 trunk, you can figure this out.
22 Because it is obvious. It's
23 one of those self-evident
24 facts. Sort of like in the
25 Declaration of Independence

1 when they wrote we hold these
2 truths to be self-evident.
3 Well, it's almost the same kind
4 of thing. It is self-evident.

5 And the other thing that
6 went through my mind. It
7 wasn't talked about too much
8 today. But it was briefly
9 mentioned. And I read about it
10 before. Is that if this whole
11 process is so safe as the
12 fracking industry will tell
13 you, then why is it when you
14 ask them what chemicals are you
15 using, their response is we're
16 not going to tell you? Doesn't
17 that tell you something right
18 there? Do you need to know any
19 more than that when someone
20 responds to you in that manner?

21 Okay. It's safe. But
22 we won't tell you what
23 chemicals we use. And they
24 even have a law passed saying
25 that they cannot be compelled

1 to tell you.

2 So again, using that old
3 tree stump, with the analytical
4 reasoning powers of a tree
5 stump, you sort of know
6 something's not right here.
7 You don't even need to go any
8 further. It's almost like you
9 can say to them I think we're
10 done here. It's over. Because
11 if it's so safe, then they
12 would tell you the chemicals
13 that are used.

14 Again, it's just one of
15 those self-evident things. You
16 know someone is not telling you
17 the truth. They're lying to
18 you.

19 So for all of those
20 reasons, I, again, second,
21 third, fourth, and fifth all of
22 the things that have been said
23 here.

24 I hope that the Delaware
25 River Basin Commission will

1 reject any kind of fracking or
2 fracking-related activities.
3 Thanks.

4 HEARING OFFICER:

5 Claudia Crane. And then
6 after Ms. Crane will be Sandra
7 Folzer and Sarah Caspar.

8 MS. CRANE:

9 Good afternoon. My name
10 is Claudia Crane. I'm an
11 registered nurse retired.

12 First of all, I want to
13 thank all of people who have
14 spoken before me and will speak
15 after, a few more, I guess,
16 calling for a complete ban.

17 And I especially want to
18 thank the young people who came
19 out, the high schoolers, and
20 the people of color who came
21 out today to speak. In today's
22 case, women.

23 Very often, it's only
24 white people of a certain age
25 and income who can afford the