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Yes. I'm with the Food and Water Watch, an environment non-profit. We're one of the first national environment groups to call for a national ban on fracking, and we represent over 100,000 supporters in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

If fracking was so safe, why did the Republican Governor of Maryland just sign a ban on fracking last year? I joined colleagues in Vermont and New York and hopefully New Jersey in calling for a ban --- a statewide ban on fracking. The mention of other generation --- the next generation has been mentioned here today.

We look at the cities in Philadelphia, Trenton, Camden, some of the most diverse communities. And also a large scheme of younger folks 18 to 35, millennials. They all get their water from the DRB. We need to look at the next generation. You know, we urge that the DRB to pass a permanent ban on fracking here in the Basin.

And just as our organization and

our allies have been fighting water extraction from Arrow Head and Nestle and some of our --- and depleted water sources all over the country. We're going to keep on fighting water extraction from private water companies and any oil and gas corporate polluting interest who want to take our clean water away, and unlawfully inject it with dirty chemicals.

Dick Cheney passed a rule --- Dick Cheney and his former company Halliburton, helped pass this called, Halliburton loop hole, which bypasses the Clean Water Act. So today, we don't even know half of the chemicals that are in --- that are used in fracking chemicals.

So if fracking was so safe, why do we need so many loop holes and why are states banning left and right? So I urge you to ban fracking and also to ban fracking waste dumping here in the DRBC because water is life. Thank you.