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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to support the commission's proposal to protect our natural resources by prohibiting hydraulic fracturing in the Delaware River Basin, but I urge you to strengthen regulations that would let drillers withdraw millions of gallons from our waters and send fracking wastewater here for treatment.

The Delaware River provides potable drinking water for fifteen million people. Adequate flows also determine where the salt line ascends up into the Philadelphia area which affects industrial withdraws. Therefore, it is imperative to keep flows as they are in order to protect drinking water and the industrial usage of water for manufacturing.

The Delaware River supports a valuable Stripped Bass and American Shad fishery. Both fish species are native to the Delaware River. The water quality should not be jeopardized by fracking or water withdraws from the River. In addition, there are many other fish species present in the Delaware River. The River provides and sustains a continual source of monies to it's surrounding states, because of its varied recreational and commercial fisheries.

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

Thank you for taking the time in considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Wayne Poppich