

1 MS. SUTLIFF:

2 Betty Sutliff, UDRBC.

3 Thank you, Ace, for your vote against
4 the proposed ban on natural gas
5 development in the DRB. To the
6 representatives of New York and
7 Pennsylvania, Governors Cuomo and
8 Wolf, I will refer to you as the
9 double standard rules and behavior
10 commission.

11 You vote yay on the SRB
12 and nay on the DRB. The water quality
13 is fine for the residents in the SRB
14 including Downey for Harrisburg and
15 Governor Wolf himself, but not so for
16 New York City. How could it be fine
17 for one group of people and not
18 another?

19 Our lives and work are
20 less valuable in certain regions? Or
21 is there something else at play here,
22 like politics? On June 8th, 2015,
23 along with six others, I met with
24 Governor Wolf regarding natural gas
25 development. And what was very

1 telling in that meeting was not just
2 what we talked about, but what he
3 never talked about, water quality.

4 His conversation was all
5 about severance tax and how if we
6 helped him achieve that, he would help
7 us get our gas out of the ground. My
8 husband and I attended the Harper Fair
9 last fall and spoke to many venders.
10 Some told us that they don't even
11 bother going to the Wind Gap Fair
12 (phonetic) because there's no money
13 there.

14 The economic disparity
15 between areas that either get your yay
16 vote and those who get your nay vote,
17 is a great injustice. You vote
18 prosperity for one area and poverty
19 for another. What gives you that
20 right?

21 Don't say water quality
22 because you sit on the SRBC and know
23 the Commission's monitoring programs
24 have not detected discernable impacts
25 on quality of the basin's water

1 resources as a result of natural gas
2 development. Welcome to my side of
3 the mountain.

4 On my side of the
5 mountain, I'm not allowed to recover
6 what is rightfully mine. I've lost
7 out on economic opportunity and my
8 right to prosper. I am a dispensable
9 lifelong resident landowner. A
10 sacrifice to the all-important god
11 down the river, the vote. I've lost
12 these things just because I'm in a
13 different watershed than other areas
14 of Pennsylvania.

15 If a raindrop rolls down
16 the western side of the mountain, all
17 is well. The raindrop is safe, the
18 water resources are unpaired, and
19 Governor Wolf allows fracking. But
20 not for my side of the mountain. How
21 can that be? It's all about the votes
22 and Governor Wolf knows where the
23 population is and where his base
24 lives.

25 Oh, but if he can get

1 his severance tax out of us so he can
2 send money to Philadelphia, how things
3 would change. The ban on the DRB has
4 nothing to do with the quality or the
5 quantity of the water, but the
6 quantity of the vote. For the record,
7 I would like to submit a color collage
8 of what dying farms on my side of the
9 mountain look like, run down the farms
10 and they look rustic or even scenic to
11 those who visit.

12 But for those who live
13 and work here, it's evidence of
14 poverty. Even Hillary Clinton
15 acknowledged that the phony
16 environmental groups --- oh, that
17 pipeline, that fracking, that whatever
18 will be a problem for you. But a lot
19 of that money supporting them comes
20 from Russia.

21 HEARING OFFICER:

22 Sharon Furlong would be
23 on deck, and the next speaker should
24 be Ann Finneran.

25 MS. FINNERAN: