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MY NAME IS ARIANNE ELINICH AND I AM A RESIDENT OF BUCKS COUNTY, PA. I AM WRITING THE DRBC TO RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU INSTITUTE A COMPLETE BAN ON FRACKING IN THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN.

CLIMATE CHANGE – AND THE FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT COMPOUNDS ITS INHERENT HARMS – ARE EXISTENTIAL THREATS TO THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NOT ONLY PRESENT, BUT ALSO FUTURE GENERATIONS. PENNSYLVANIANS DESERVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS DUE THEM, THAT ARTICLE 1, SECTION 27, WAS DESIGNED TO PROTECT. I ASSURE YOU THAT THE AESTHETIC BEAUTY OF PENNSYLVANIA IS NOT BEING ENHANCED BY FRACKING OR THE PIPELINES THAT TRANSPORT THESE HAZARDS THROUGH THE RIVER BASIN.

CLEAN WATER IS VITAL TO ALL OF LIFE. IT'S THAT SIMPLE. GAS FRACKING – FROM ITS WATER USAGE TO ITS WASTE - IS A COMPROMISE TO THE INTEGRITY OF THIS LIFE-GIVING RESOURCE THAT SUSTAINS US ALL. FROM THE MACROINVERTEBRAES THAT INHABIT OUR WATERSHED, TO THE HERONS THAT EAT THE FISH, TO THE AQUIFERS THAT FEED OUR WELLS, WE CANNOT AFFORD THE UNNECESSARY RISKS THAT FRACKING IMPOSES ON THE BASIN. IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT – THAT YOU CAN NO LONGER DRINK YOUR WATER BECAUSE AN INCIDENT HAS TAINTED YOUR TAP WATER, YOUR WELL, OUR RIVER. THAT YOU CAN'T EAT THE FISH BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN POISONED. THAT YOU CAN'T FEED YOUR FARMED CROPS BECAUSE THE WATER IS UNSAFE. AS AN OLD AFRICAN PROVERB STATES, 'FILTHY WATER CANNOT BE WASHED'.

PLEASE PUT A PRIORITY ON THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF OUR STATE – OVER THE PROFITEERING INTERESTS OF AN INDUSTRY - THAT HAS BEEN ENTITLED TO EXPLOIT OUR STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FAR TOO LONG.

WATER IS VITAL TO THE SUSTENANCE OF ALL OF LIFE. FROM WATER WITHDRAWLS AND FRACKING WASTE, TO THE PIPELINES THAT TRANSMIT THIS FRACKED GAS, PLEASE PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF OUR RIVER FROM ALL OF THE POTENTIAL HARMS THAT FRACKING CONTINUES TO IMPOSE ON THE WATER RESOURCES IN OUR BASIN - PLEASE INSTITUTE A COMPREHENSIVE AND COMPLETE BAN ON FRACKING. NO SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, NO LOOPHOLES. PLEASE, WE MUST ALL DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO PROTECT THE WATER.