

1 just signed up now. I would --- I also  
2 grew up in the anthracite coal region  
3 of Pennsylvania, Schuylkill County, and  
4 I'd just like to say those streams are  
5 still dead. And I would just like to  
6 reiterate that I would hope we can  
7 learn from our experience.

8 Pennsylvania, my  
9 understanding is that we have more  
10 miles of stream density than any state  
11 in the union. That's a lot of water  
12 that can be contaminated. And  
13 sometimes I feel like we're being asked  
14 to choose between cheap energy and  
15 clean water, and I will take clean  
16 water every time. Thank you.

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 Okay. Thanks. Okay.  
19 Tara Zrinski. And then the next  
20 speaker would be William Buskirk.  
21 Okay. Ms. Zrinski, please.

22 MS. ZRINSKI:

23 Hi. My name is Tara  
24 Zrinski. I am a Northampton County  
25 councilwoman. My concern today is

1 obviously for the cumulative impacts of  
2 fracking. I really think that we do  
3 need to ban it. And in my county, in  
4 particular, what we're dealing with is  
5 part of these cumulative impacts with  
6 the PennEast Pipeline. It's coming  
7 along 22,000 acres of the Water  
8 Authority where 118,000 people get  
9 their drinking water.

10 There are at least 50  
11 parcels of land. Ned and Linda Heindel  
12 are in my county, and they are one of  
13 the parcels of land that will be  
14 impacted by eminent domain.

15 Now, people are losing  
16 their property. They're losing their  
17 drinking water, potentially. This  
18 pipeline is going underneath the Lehigh  
19 River, and it is also going under the  
20 Delaware River. To me, this is  
21 something that we can't take lightly.

22 I know that there are so  
23 many things in the cumulative impacts  
24 from --- along the way from where the  
25 --- where people are actually being

1 fracked with those 700 different  
2 chemicals going into the earth and high  
3 pressure, and take and extract that  
4 natural gas.

5 And that natural gas is  
6 now going to thunder through a 36 inch  
7 diameter pipeline right near our  
8 drinking water.

9 And from what I  
10 understand, it's within 100 vertical  
11 feet of the Segal (phonetic) pipeline,  
12 which is also almost 80 years old, that  
13 will supply those 118,000 people with  
14 water.

15 To me, I don't understand  
16 why we can't fight this and why we  
17 can't put a stop to this and transition  
18 into renewable energy. We have sources  
19 that can give us by 2050, you know ---  
20 we have resources that can give us  
21 renewable energy and solar wind and  
22 hydro power by 2050.

23 And we need to transition  
24 and we're not going to be able to  
25 transition if people don't step up and

1 say that we don't need this dirty  
2 energy anymore, that if we keep putting  
3 in pipelines and we keep transporting  
4 this energy and we keep selling the  
5 public on the idea that they can have  
6 clean, safe natural gas, we're just  
7 really deceiving the people.

8 And it really bothers me  
9 that I have to watch people in my  
10 county --- over 50 parcels of land that  
11 is not only going through people's  
12 property, but also farmlands and open  
13 spaces that have been preserved with  
14 taxpayer money that are now going to be  
15 undermined by this pipeline. So for  
16 all these reasons that I mentioned  
17 above, I really think that we need a  
18 ban on fracking, not only in the  
19 Delaware River basin, but also  
20 statewide. So thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER:

22 Okay. Thank you, ma'am.  
23 William Buskirk, please. Okay, Mr.  
24 Buskirk.

25 MR. BUSKIRK, JR.: