

1 HEARING OFFICER:

2 Thank you, sir. If
3 Andrew Seder would please be on deck,
4 and then Brian Smith, please.

5 MR. SMITH:

6 My name is Brian Smith.
7 I'm the Chairman of the Wayne County
8 Commissioners. I'm also a dairy
9 farmer, a school bus driver and a
10 proud American.

11 I believe that your
12 permanent ban is based on risk as it's
13 read in these draft regulations.
14 Let's talk a little bit about risk.
15 Risk is something that's inherent in
16 everything that we have done since
17 time has began. Eating itself for men
18 when they first showed up on earth was
19 a risk. People risked their lives in
20 ships to come to this country for a
21 better way of life for opportunity for
22 jobs. That's why people came here.

23 We started a country
24 based on a revolution. We fought for
25 our freedom. That was pretty risky.

1 I would say risk is not a valid
2 premise for what we're about to do. I
3 would say risk is something that we
4 should not base this on to shut it
5 down as a permanent ban. I would say
6 something's going on here much bigger.

7 This is an opportunity
8 for our country, not just Wayne
9 County, not just the Delaware River
10 Basin Commission, but for our country
11 in an energy source that's a clean
12 burning energy source.

13 Coal is something that
14 made this country a super power
15 because we had energy and we had
16 strength. Oil is something that made
17 this country even stronger yet because
18 we had strength. We had marketable
19 energy. We now have an opportunity to
20 take advantage of an energy that is
21 second to none. It's clean burning.
22 It's much better than coal. It's much
23 cleaner than oil.

24 But yet, we are looking
25 to shut this down because of risk.

1 There are other countries in the world
2 who are behind the effort to shut this
3 down. Vladimir Putin himself is
4 putting dollars into the United States
5 to help shut down the natural gas
6 industry because his economy depends
7 on it. He doesn't want somebody who's
8 going to be a competitor. They don't
9 want somebody else selling natural gas
10 that we --- if we can shut it down.

11 When we look at this
12 place, this place is relatively small
13 because it encompasses Ohio and
14 Pennsylvania, but this is a big thing
15 in the world. This could make us a
16 superpower and our power could exist
17 well into the future.

18 Jobs, an opportunity is
19 what brought people here. This is the
20 reason why we are freedom of the
21 world. We are the United States of
22 America. We are strong. We fought a
23 revolution once before. I hope we
24 don't ever have to do that again. And
25 what was said in the past was this;

1 those who forget the past and do not
2 remember the past are condemned to
3 relive it. Thank you.

4 HEARING OFFICER:

5 The next person on deck
6 will be Kevin Paul McGuinness. And if
7 the next could come forward, and I
8 believe that is Dan Rutledge.

9 MR. RUTLEDGE:

10 Dan Rutledge, Damascus
11 Township Supervisor. Fracking has
12 been taking place in the Susquehanna
13 River Basin for a decade. If fracking
14 turns land into moonscapes and causes
15 widespread ruination of water supplies
16 as anti-fossil fuel so-called
17 environmentalist hypocrites would have
18 us believe, then why is SRB booming?

19 Property values in
20 Pennsylvania's most heavily drilled
21 counties, Bradford and Washington, saw
22 median house values increase from 60
23 to 70 percent from 2000 to 2013. The
24 Wall Street Journal recently published
25 an Intergraph from Moody's Investor