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I support the Delaware River Basin Commission adopting a ban on gas and oil development in the Delaware River Watershed. Scientific analysis and studies, public health statistics, the experience of communities where fracking is occurring, and government records show that the impacts of gas and oil development are significantly harming the environment including our water, air, habitats and communities' health, despite regulatory controls.

The Commission is responsible for safeguarding the water resources of the Delaware River Watershed and the water supply for 17 million people. In the face of the weight of evidence that gas and oil development has substantial adverse impacts and is therefore unsafe and unsustainable, it is incumbent upon the Commission to take action and to immediately adopt a ban on all oil and gas development in the Delaware River Watershed.

The ban should exclude any use of the river, its tributaries, or other water sources for any gas drilling purpose, including the extraction of water for gas drilling.