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As one of the 1.3 million supporters of the National Parks Conservation Association, I support and applaud the Delaware River Basin Commission's (DRBC) proposed ban on high volume hydraulic fracking within the Delaware River Basin.

Here in the Delaware River Basin, we must protect this historic and life-sustaining river, its 10 national parks, and the more than 15 million people that depend upon it for the water they drink. By banning high volume hydraulic fracking in the Delaware River Basin, the DRBC is upholding its mission as stewards of the basin's water quality.

From the abundant wildlife along the Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River, to the waterfalls of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, to First State National Historical Park's historic whaling sites in Lewes, Delaware, the Delaware River Basin's tourism and recreation destinations depend upon clean water and clean air.

A ban on high volume hydraulic fracking in the Delaware River Basin is in the best interest of the Delaware River, the basin's 10 national parks, and the millions of people who depend on the river for drinking water and unparalleled recreation. I commend the DRBC for this reasonable and important action.

Thank you.

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