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MS. CARLUCCIO:

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We stand with the

Delaware River Basin Commission to ban
fracking, ban fracking and all of its
activities. Thank you.

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HEARING OFFICER:

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Janice Rapp is on deck,
and then the next person to speak is
Peter Wynn.

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MR. WYNN:

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My name is Peter Wynn.

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I own property in Wayne County's
Preston Township. The Delaware River
Basin Commission decided that natural
gas wells laid within the Commission's
regulatory interview all the way back
in May of 2009, and even later, the
five Commissioners voted unanimously
to hold off on any decision whether to
permits such wells in the basin until
drilling regulations were adopted.

In December 2010, the

DRBC published proposed regulations
and held public hearings which
elicited more than 60,000 public

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Now, this last
September, the DRBC announced it
intended to make permanent the de
facto moratorium put in place more
than seven years earlier. And in
November, the Commission posted
proposed rules that would formally ban
horizontal drilling and hydraulic
fracturing or fracking in the Basin.

Now, over the years, the explanation given for the Commission's inaction was that the Commissioners were uncertain about the safety of drilling wells into the various shale layers that lay beneath our region and stimulating those wells produce more

1 gas by breaking up the shale
2 surrounding the well bore with fluid
3 under high pressure in a process
4 called hydraulic fracturing.

5 Backing up into 2011,
6 only a limited amount of information
7 was indeed available on the effects
8 and risks of fracking in the Marcellus
9 shale and in shale areas such as the
10 Utica, laying deeper down. But since
11 then, something like 1,100 natural gas
12 wells, have been drilled and fracked
13 next door in Susquehanna Count where
14 geologists tells us the geology is
15 essentially the same as ours in Wayne
16 County and there is yet to be a single
17 instance where hydraulic fracturing
18 fluids have seeped upward and
19 contaminated the fresh water aquafers
20 that lay many thousands of feet above
21 the shale.

22 Moreover, the surface
23 activities of the well drillers have
24 vastly improved over the last six or
25 seven years. Wastewater for fracking

1 is now recycled. It's no longer held
2 in open pits or carted off to be
3 pumped into injection wells.

4 Pipelines now carry
5 water from one well to another
6 replacing the trucks that were once
7 used for that task. The Delaware ---
8 the Susquehanna River and its
9 tributaries show no sign of pollution
10 from fracking chemicals. Just how
11 much evidence that drilling fracking
12 is safe must the Delaware River Basin
13 Commissioners have?

14 If the Commission
15 proceeds to adopt a permanent ban on
16 horizontal drilling and hydraulic
17 fracturing in the basin, I, for one,
18 will be forced to conclude that the
19 Governors of the Commission member
20 states, their representatives and the
21 professional staff of the Commission
22 are willing to serve their own
23 political and financial advantage by
24 aggregating the property rights of the
25 landowners of Pike and Wayne Counties.