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To the DRBC:

I am writing to insist that you make fracking completely off limits in the Delaware River Basin. It is inconsistent to ban the drilling part of fracking and at the same time to propose regulations that would permit water withdrawals and wastewater disposal related to fracking outside of the Basin. Water used in fracking is taken out of the hydrologic cycle permanently. Wastewater from fracking contains toxic chemicals, many of which are secret, as well as radioactive elements brought to the surface from deep geological formations, elements which cannot be removed, and which last for thousands of years.

I grew up in West Virginia and my family is still there, and every time I visit I see the dangers of fracking to the water and the environment. It is an environmental disaster, and the water becomes polluted and undrinkable.

Please take action to help achieve a complete and permanent ban to safeguard the Delaware River's unique and invaluable watershed and thus the health of humans and other life dependent upon it. Companies and their financial gains do not outweigh the importance of protecting the people and the earth.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
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