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The public comment events at Waymart, Philadelphia, and Schnecksville were a complete and total sham, a glorified dog and pony show. They were poorly attended with approximately a hundred or fewer attendees. Each of the venues closed early due to lack of participants. Could the lack of participation from the down stream 17 million people, who supposedly drink the water, be an indication that they aren't really the ones who oppose the ban, but rather are the ones who support a source of cheap clean energy? Was the lack of participation a result of apathy or a sense of futility since the governors have already weighed in that they will vote in favor of the ban? How is that for democracy and a travesty of our constitutional rights? We were told that the staff of the DRBC would review the comments and send their recommendations to the commissioners, who have already told us how they will vote. Seriously? The staff of the DRBC is made up of anti-fossil fuel enviro-activists, so let me guess what their recommendation will be. Does it really matter because the governors have already said they will vote in favor of a total ban? Since the decision has already been made and been made public, these hearings were a total sham.