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I support a complete and permanent ban on hydro-fracking and its related activities in the Delaware River Basin, from which I and 17 million other people obtain our drinking water.

It is unacceptable to ban drilling within the Basin while permitting 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. There are now 'super-sized' wells for fracking which will withdraw more fresh water and produce more wastewater, forever polluted and unusable.

Water is a precious resource that cannot be replaced. Please ban fracking permanently to safeguard the Delaware River's unique and invaluable watershed, my health, and the health of everyone who depends upon it.