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I am opposed to the process of Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) for extracting natural gas in the Delaware River Basin. I support a Ban on this practice. I am opposed to Fracking for the following reasons:

The amount of fresh water required for each natural gas well times the number of wells projected depletes the ground water supplies that would otherwise supply residents and municipalities with fresh drinking water.

The amount of fresh water along with the required toxic chemicals, some of which could be carcinogens, for this process, pumped into the ground would likely contaminate the groundwater and make it unfit for human consumption.

The potential danger of contaminating the water supplies downstream within the Delaware River Basin that municipalities depend on to support the residents in those communities.

The storage of the toxic backflow, water/chemical mix, from a Fracked well is subject to leaking and contamination into streams and groundwater supplies.

The risky transportation of the toxic backflow, water/chemical mix, to disposal and treatment sites is subject to leaking and contamination into streams, reservoirs and groundwater supplies.

The practice of dumping this wastewater toxic chemical mix into injection wells will ultimately contaminate groundwater supplies.

The adverse health effects of those residing near or down river from the groundwater contamination resulting from Hydro-Fracking is highly likely.

I am opposed to the wasteful use of our most valuable resources, fresh, abundant water supplies for the dangerous process of Hydro-Fracking for natural gas. The transportation and disposal of the backflow from a Fracked well is risky and irresponsible. The resulting threats to human and animal health are enormous.

I urge you to Ban Hydrofracking everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,  
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