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Subject: Strengthen oil and gas well protections

I am writing because I am very concerned about the increase of water pollution that will undoubtedly occur in PA as the natural gas drilling boom expands. More rigorous standards and routine inspections by all companies in the drilling process, as well as by the PA DEP, need to be in place immediately.

Without governance under the Clean Water Act and other protective federal legislation, it is crucial that regulations and enforcement at the state level of all drilling processes be effectively administered.

I am opposed to any further drilling permits until the environmental impact of hydraulic fracturing be FULLY studied and decisions made regarding its risks to the health of citizens and to the environment. I am also opposed to all drilling on state lands. These lands have been set aside for the enjoyment of our citizens, present and future, and should be protected from business interests.

State revenue in the form of a tax on natural gas drilling should not be a part of the state budget now or in the future until the safety of PA's environment, particularly the water supply, public and private, is guaranteed. In addition to the protection of the water supply, I am concerned about many of negative impacts that natural gas drilling has been documented to have on public health, including air and noise pollution, wildlife, and destruction of our beautiful environment. Please evaluate and weigh the benefits and the potential negative impacts of expanding natural gas drilling in PA and make wise decisions before it's too late. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

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