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Sirs

I write as a 40 year resident of Pennsylvania and a regular house renter in Eaglesmere, Sullivan County. I write as a life-long citizen of the United States.

As a resident of Pennsylvania, I demand the maximum protection of the Susquehanna and Delaware watersheds and the tens of millions of people that live, recreate and work within them, enjoy their beauty, drink their water, and eat the produce from their fields. In my mind this absolutely requires the most stringent possible regulations regarding drilling, fracking water supply, use, storage and disposal, and the extraction, storage and transport of gas.

As we have seen in the Gulf of Mexico and most recently in our own state, the drilling and gas industries and their ancillaries cannot be trusted to self regulate when it comes to protecting our drinking water and our environment. While giving lip service to serving greater public needs, the limit on their concern is the regulatory package that governs their work, and the legal liability imposed on them by law and the courts.

If the strictest possible regulations on shale gas extraction, and really meaningful (painful) financial liability penalties are not built into the laws mean the temporary curtailment of drilling and the resulting temporary loss of jobs - so be it. The cost of harming our water and our living environment is permanent.

If the added costs to extract natural gas mean that some companies without the financial wherewithall to engage in the business are excluded - so be it, again. From today's Enquirer business page, there are plenty of major investors willing to take up the slack.

Finally, I set to the Pennsylvania State Government the task of creating of a multi-state approach to the regulation of on oil shale drilling, extraction and transport - in all their ramifications. The rules and consequences for this business must be uniform or the money (like water) will seek the lowest point.

Thank you for your urgent consideration.

Sincerely

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