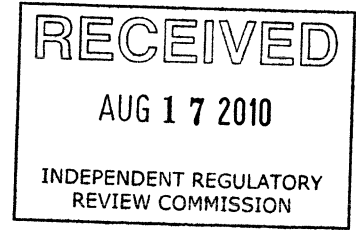


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Dear State Regulator,

Natural gas is the most environmentally responsible energy source currently available. If we wish to decrease CO₂, NO_x, Mercury and SO₂ emissions, more natural gas production is essential for our nation.

Despite the well publicized fear mongering by many in our State, natural gas drilling is incredibly safe. Hydraulic fracturing is done a mile beneath the water table. Above ground spill containment is necessary and well done.

When one considers the huge number of gas wells completed over the years in Pennsylvania, it boggles the mind that we have had so few accidents or environmental incidents. No other industry can claim to have such a stellar safety or environmental record.

Please work to further encourage gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale of Pennsylvania, not to discourage it.

Thank you,

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