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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of its 485 members, the Board of Directors of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce would like to express its concern regarding the draft regulations issued by the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), *Natural Gas Development Regulations*, December 9, 2010.

The Wayne County Chamber of Commerce is the eyes and ears of the business community in Wayne County. We pride ourselves on knowing what the community wants and needs and we deliver on those needs. Through many recent meetings, forums and discussions we have listened and played a large role in the formulation of a potentially large economic impact in Wayne County. It should come as no surprise to you that this impact is the production of natural gas from the Marcellus Shale formation.

Sustainable communities require good jobs, increased commerce, and economic development. We cannot hope to keep our most precious asset, our youth, here without sustainable options for their future. We are presently losing these assets. Our growth has all but halted, our manufacturing has disappeared, and our schools are losing enrollment. The DRBC's moratorium has significant impact today, without taking future development into account.

DRBC draft regulations duplicate many functions of local and state government through the "Natural Gas Development Plan" procedure. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through its agencies and local governments, can provide the proper oversight needed in this regard.

The Delaware River Basin contains 13,539 square miles across New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Within this basin there are currently no natural gas producing wells.

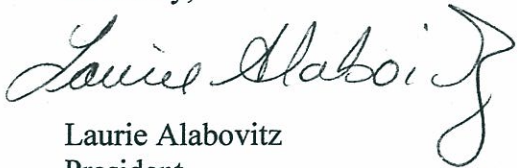
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Despite large land lease agreements in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, by Hess Corporation and Newfield Exploration Co. (valued over \$100 million) and considerable investments into drilling within the Marcellus Shale, the DRBC has enacted a moratorium on drilling. Landowner groups and businesses are opposed to this moratorium. If Hess Corporation and Newfield Exploration Co. pull out of Wayne County, a potential \$220 million in payments to lease holders—not including royalties—could be lost.

Wayne County is committed to ensuring natural gas exploration and recovery is done in a responsible manner. Multiple agencies and organizations have partnered to create an Oil & Gas Task Force to plan ahead for the responsible and safe extraction of natural gas.

The Wayne County Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests the DRBC to consider its commerce, job creation, and economic development responsibilities along with its water quality mandate and ensure a balanced regulatory environment.

Sincerely,



Laurie Alabovitz  
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