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Commission Secretary

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I urge you to impose a moratorium on drilling in shale formations within the Delaware River basin until the disclosure and safety of the chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process are better known and understood. We need oversight. Millions of people rely on this watershed for clean drinking water. The consequences of a widespread decontamination would be devastating not only environmentally, but also economically. Please don't allow industry profit to outweigh public safety. No amount of jobs or fossil fuels could possibly pay for the clean-up, assuming such damage would even be possible to repair.

I urge you to pass the strongest possible moratorium now so that this issue can be fully assessed by the public and the legislature. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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