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Re: Video Recording of forum “Lessons from the PA Grand Jury: A Virtual Forum; *Why the DRBC must fully ban fracking NOW*”

Dear Delaware River Basin Commission Members,

Representatives of our organizations that make up the planning committee of the coalition working for a complete and permanent frack ban throughout the Delaware River Basin participated in making a video for you, as DRBC Commissioners, to view. We are submitting this letter today to provide to you the link to the recording of the forum for you to watch at your convenience. We respectfully request that you take the time to watch the recording, which lasts under an hour, to hear what we have to say about the Pennsylvania Attorney General Office’s report and the need for a full ban on fracking, a ban on the import of wastewater produced by fracking, and on its processing, storage and discharge, and a ban on water withdrawals and exports from the watershed for fracking elsewhere.

In June, Pennsylvania's 43rd Statewide Investigating Grand Jury Report #1 on the unconventional oil and gas industry was publicly released by the Attorney General. The report documents the unprecedented damage to the environment and human health that the "fracking boom" brought to communities where fracking occurred throughout the last decade in the Commonwealth. The speakers at the video forum examine the Grand Jury Report and explain how its documentation confirms what we and other members of the public have submitted to the DRBC in support of a full fracking ban.

While you are in the process of reviewing the public record for the draft natural gas regulations, much has been produced since the close of the public comment period that is not in that record. As you know, we have been submitting reports, scientific papers and other evidence to you after the public comment record ended on March 31, 2018. Much of that information is confirmed by the on-the ground testimony that informed the Grand Jury as they carried out their investigations over the past years. We felt it essential that we share this information with you and connect our concerns regarding the draft gas regulations to the findings of the Grand Jury report.

The link to the virtual forum recording "Lessons from the PA Grand Jury: *Why the DRBC must fully ban fracking NOW*" can be found here: https://youtu.be/ve_eDb3rJWo

The Grand Jury Report can be found here: <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/FINAL-fracking-report-w.responses-with-page-number-V2.pdf>

Thank you for considering this important report from the office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro. We reiterate our urgent request for you to call the vote on the draft regulations that would adopt a COMPLETE ban to protect the irreplaceable water supply for up to 17 million people, the environment, and the health of our Delaware River Watershed communities - those here today and future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

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