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Re: Marcellus Shale, clean water, environmental responsibility:

I live on 90+ acres in Butler county, just south of Zelienople. It is an area where water supply is hit or miss - we are lucky, we have good water - not all of our neighbors do. Right now the economy is a challenge for all my neighbors - and the marcellus shale drilling sounds like a gift.

This is the 21st century - let us honor that by not harming our rivers, creeks and groundwater. Water is precious, and becoming more precious, it is threatened by population increase and real estate development. Let us not get focused on short term solutions while creating long term problems.

Western PA is blessed with a very good supply of water - lets use our technological research and figure out how to extract the marcellus shale without harming the water supply. The cost of harming the water supply will be huge in terms of illnesses and eventually no water for our communities, our families and our friends. Right now the water that is used in the process is returned to the ground containing small amounts of chemical salts. The argument that small amounts is not harmful ignores the fact that there is a cumulative effect that is very harmful.

Please write strong and protective regulations to control the extraction of marcellus shale - these are our homes and our lives, we should not play on the fears of homeowners from the loss of their homes and create the bigger problem, from the lack of safe, clean water.

Thank you,  
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