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We need protective regulations to control the waste that is being produced by shale gas and other industrial/high-TDS discharges. These discharges will end up in most of our rivers, whether or not you live in locations underlain by Marcellus shale, because treatment plants are applying to discharge the waste everywhere. This wastewater has the potential to impact most of our drinking water sources and harm the life in many of our waterways. The gas industry is pushing for the proposed standards to be weakened; we must counter their influence.

With deep concern for our present and future water quality,

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