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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

As you consider the impact that this drilling and fracking has on our ecosystem and the human health ramifications for all of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, I pray for you to have the means to secure a healthy future for the children yet to come. As the Department of Environmental Protection considers new wastewater regulations, I urge you to include the following points:

- * Set health-based standards for contaminants including arsenic, benzene, radium and magnesium that may be found in wastewater gas drilling. As well as removing the exemption that the oil and gas companies have from the "right to know" law.
- * Approve and implement these standards as soon as possible in order to protect public health and our environment. including a temporary hiatus on extraction until the regulations are in place and the companies have the means to implement. This is what the state of New York is doing.
- * Stop all new gas drilling operations until these new health-based standards are set and require all sewage treatment plants to follow these proposed standards immediately.
- * Require drilling companies to track and report all of their pollution from drilling sites to treatment plants, and establish regulations to oversee the reuse of gas drilling wastewater.

The public has a right to know about pollution being released into our environment or shipped into our communities.

May God be with you and your responsibilities.

Sincerely,