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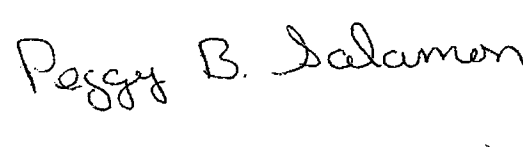
Dear Honorable Members:

I and others worry over the preservation of our land for our children who are all too soon to inherit what we have left for them. It hurts to canoe the beautiful, yet near lifeless west branch of the Susquehanna due to past carelessness, thoughtlessness, lack of foresight and perhaps plain greed. It seems we would have learned from this, one of many examples, a lesson in conservation, a concern for the future. But no. Today in the news we learn of the red algae bloom that destroyed near all life in Dunkard Creek. Oh, perhaps we can fix it. Again no. This destruction is not reversible in the near term. We leave it to our children to fix, don't we, assuming that they can. Is this our legacy?

You are it appears one chance to guard the future of our land against contamination by byproducts of deep-drilling gas extraction from the Marcellus. We are not asking for over regulation of industry. Nor are we suggesting that such an industry be smothered in bureaucracy. To protect our environment, we are simply requesting that you set adequate regulation in place so that industry can account for it in their business and so that we can make sure everyone honors the law. That you set safeguards so that industry acts with transparency in regard to the welfare of our land. So that future generations can have quality drinking water without resort to that in plastic bottles. So that both fish and our children can swim in safe rivers and so that we can eat the fish such rivers might provide.

We are aware that politicians have reduced your budgets, pared them to the bone. Despite this, please stand up and protect our land for our progeny.

Sincerely,

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