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Gentlemen;

I have been approached numerous times by gas companies who want to lease my 130 acre farm for gas drilling. While I could use the money I am worried about the entire process, and of course, the environmental and economic impact to my land. My attorney has told me that some companies operating in my area and who have recently contacted me have a history of environmental law infractions at their drilling sites. My family has operated our farm since the early 1880's and have passed the trust on to the next generation. I want to do the same for my family and the last thing I want is to leave a despoiled farm for my heirs. I am surrounded by smaller rural acreages all of which are owned by non-resident, short term landowners and all of whom are leased as far as I know. I have recently learned that a new proposal by gas companies called "fair pooling" would require me to lease if more than half of my neighbors are leased. This proposal is not fair to landowners like my family who have nurtured their lands for many years and who now must submit to the dictates of people who have never cared for the land and whose only ambitions are for the short term financial gain. Once leased these people frequently put their land up for sale and wash their hands of the environmental desecration they have wrought. As for the newest proposals to tighten drilling and well requirments in the state, I am all for itany regulations that ensure the safety and sustainability of our natural resources is a move in the right direction.