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Dear Members of the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) of the PA Dept of Environmental Protection (DEP),

It is with great dismay that I am in the position to have to write this letter. Seeing the beautiful countryside of our State ravaged by the drilling of the Marcellus Shale is disheartening to say the least. The environmental impact and the threat to all life from the unregulated chemicals used in fracking is unconscionable! We've already let the beast in, so now our only protection is to have our state enforce and oversee **stringent** regulations regarding well drilling; materials used for extraction, disposal, and damages from equipment and chemicals. We cannot have the drillers pollute our waters, air, and land, ruin our roads, destroy our trees and crops, kill off our wildlife, and threaten our health and safety for generations because of loose laws that favor the gas companies.

I am not an environmental engineer, but I do know that the costs of repairs and cleanups are much more costly than steps taken to prevent problems. Also consider the costs of healthcare, the negative impact on tourism, and loss of revenues from fewer students attending our colleges in areas affected by drilling. This is a time to be proactive to protect the citizens of our great Commonwealth and not let the seduction of dollars take away our quality of life. Here's the time to live up to your name. Please **adopt the more rigid standards as set forth in the proposal made by Harvey Consulting.**

Thank you for your time and efforts,



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