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Human health depends on safe drinking water. We live in a developed country and it is absolutely appalling that even today we do not have rigorous EPA regulatory oversight of one of the most fundamental elements sustaining human life. As a citizen of this state and country I plead to you and must demand that you act accordingly as public leaders and stewards of Pennsylvania's natural resources to Do the Right Thing for your children, grandchildren and the citizens of this state.

Hydraulic fracturing (a.k.a. fracking) is currently shrouded in secrecy. Please note the following:

- 1. It is unacceptable that fracking has been exempted from the Safe Drinking Water Act. Pumping large volumes of chemicals into the ground would require rigorous data collection, analysis and vigorous oversight.
- 2. It is unacceptable that the chemicals used in the process are proprietary, and therefore no testing will be able to verify how water quality is being altered.
- 3. It is unacceptable that no environmental impact studies have been done despite the impacted aquifer being the largest source of unfiltered drinking water in the U.S., and the source of drinking water for millions.

Thank you for accepting input on this critical concern.

Sincerely,

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