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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in support of Regulations Bill CH 78. Oil and gas standards in the state need to be upgraded to ensure safety for the residents.

PA compressive strength standards for cement used during the gas drilling process need to be upgraded. An explanation as to what constitutes an adequately restored or replacement water supply for homeowners needs to be clarified. A water quality expert should be sent to a home within 24 hrs. of a complaint to investigate the situation and determine whether immediate action needs to be taken to shut down a drilling operation. In addition, all wells should be drilled with a Blow-Out Preventer once the surface casing is installed and cemented. The regulations should require the operator to place the BOP controls on the rig itself.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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