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Dear Independent Regulatory Review Commission Members:

The citizens have not been accounted for in the quest of big gas to recklessly profit. This MUST STOP! Our health, our creatures health and our air land and water do not want to be infiltrated with toxic methane extraction results .

A severance tax has NOT been charged and should be retroactive NOW!

Do not commit to MORE drilling. They have not used environmental methods that they could have therefore they are leaving destruction.

Who is to blame for the under regulation, the no tax?

For too long, oil and gas operators in Pennsylvania have conducted their activities under outdated regulations and with virtual impunity—factors that have helped spur ever-growing impacts on water, air, and health.

The final draft Chapter 78 and 78a regulations from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) represent a significant step forward in aligning the state's oil and gas regulations with new technologies and modern-day practices. Today, both conventional and unconventional operations rely on hydraulic fracturing (fracking), use toxic chemicals and large volumes of water, disturb land, and generate polluting waste.

Both Chapter 78 and Chapter 78a are the result of over three years of public hearings, comment periods, and revisions—during which legislators and the industry had ample time to weigh in. It's outrageous that they're now trying to derail the entire process. Failure to adopt these regulations will allow countless environmental problems to remain unchecked and increase the health and financial burdens borne by the public.

Please help Pennsylvania improve environmental protections and industry accountability by voting YES to regulations for both conventional and unconventional operators.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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