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My name is John T. Williams. I live at 3674 Geiger Hollow Rd., Allegany, NY. I am an Army veteran having served in the Vietnam War.

My family has been involved in the production of crude oil for four generations and I am very concerned about the over-regulation of shallow conventional oil wells. Although I live in New York State, I am still in the Pennsylvania oil field. I run a small trucking company by myself and I do oilfield hauling and work for oil and gas producers. If the local oil industry is destroyed by these regulations, I lose my livelihood.

I am also concerned as a royalty owner. As a land and minerals owner, I receive a royalty from oil production on my 250 acres. The royalty I receive helps to pay my property taxes and maintain my property as forestland. If oil production in the region is ended or significantly hurt because of draconian regulations, operation of the refineries will cease to be viable and I would lose my royalty because of the lack of an oil market.

I, along with my late brother, operated an oil producing operation for 40 years ending in 2000. We ceased operation because we could not contend with the ever increasing regulations. Because of this experience, I am very familiar with the tight economics of oil production in the Pennsylvania oil region.

I grew up in the oilfield and always enjoyed the unique culture and history of the oil patch. This is an industry that is over 150 years old and has affected thousands of lives directly, and many more indirectly in a positive way.

Please take all of this into consideration when you make your decisions.

Thank you,

John T. Williams

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