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Dear Board Members,

I am the owner of a business that is dependent on the Pennsylvania oil and gas industry. I have been made aware of the proposal now before your committee that would change regulations affecting both conventional and unconventional wells.

## I am writing to urge you to vote "NO" on those regulations.

Shallow oil and gas wells have been produced in Pennsylvania for over 150 years and they have had no lasting detrimental effect on our environment. Putting small companies and people out of business by imposing costly, unnecessary new regulations on them would also jeopardize my business and hurt the local economy.

If you think it is necessary to impose new regulations on drillers and operators of deep, nonconventional wells, then please develop rules intended specifically for those kinds of wells. Let shallow well producers continue to operate under the current regulations, which have done an effective job for nearly 30 years.

Please vote "NO" to the proposed changes to Chapter 78 regulations so I can remain in business, thereby adding employment, as well as dollars, into the local economy.

RECEIVED Sincerely, Nelson Energy Programs, Inc. MAR - 5 2014 INDEPENDENT REGULATORY **REVIEW COMMISSION** 

David E. Nelson, President