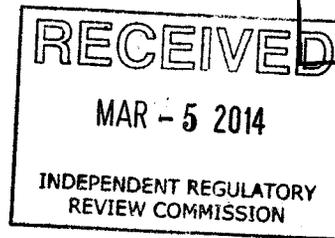


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Environmental Quality Board
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Dear Board Members:



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DEP Policy Office

As the manager of a new business in McKean County I have become aware of the proposed regulations affecting unconventional as well as conventional wells. It is of great concern to me as to how these new regulations are going to affect my customers. Through conversation with many of them it has become aware to me that these proposed regulations could have huge adverse effects on many of their businesses, which will then hugely affect mine. These effects are not good, they could potentially put me out of business. All the time, energy and money thus far put forth to build what we have will all have been for nothing. How can your board members possibly NOT see that these proposed regulations will severely cripple much of McKean, Warren, Elk, Clarion, Potter and Forest Counties... just to name a few? Bradford Pa could potentially lose its refinery which will do far more than just put people out of work. Have any of you ever felt that you hold people's lives in the palm of your hand? If not, you need to deeply consider what your vote has the potential to do. I am telling you that as an employer that is exactly how one feels. As an employer, not only do you hold your employees life, you also hold the lives of their families in the palm of your hand. It is very scary to think that someday you may have to tell these people that you are closing your doors due to government over regulation... that makes no sense... so therefore we are all out of work. How does that make economic sense?

I am not saying that I do not want to protect our environment; as a matter of fact I very much do because I am a lover of the outdoors as is my family. There is a need for regulations that make sense to not only protect the outdoors but, ones that will protect the future of MANY MANY businesses in the counties that I have already listed. None of us want to see the streams we fish or the lands we hunt "destroyed or ruined" by hazardous, careless drilling practices. The business that is new to my life is a regulated bird hunting grounds, it doesn't get any more outdoors than that. All of my customers love the hunting grounds and want to

see nothing "bad" happen to them or any other ground. Shallow oil and gas operators have been working in this area for 150 years which mother nature has had no problem with standing and surviving. As the saying goes..."you can't fight mother nature."

In conclusion I am asking you to PLEASE vote "NO" to the proposed changes to Chapter 78 regulations so that I do not have to fear potential loss of business and possibly closing my doors to something I have become attached to. If these regulations pass they will ultimately put many shallow operators out of business that will have a detrimental effect on much of Pennsylvania.

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