

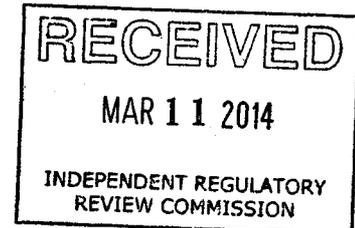
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Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you this evening. My name is Kenneth C. Kane. I am the President of Generations Forestry, Inc. Generations Forestry, Inc. is a forest consulting company located in Kane, McKean County, Pennsylvania. Generations Forestry, Inc. is involved in the forest management of approximately 250,000 acres of forestland, mostly located in Northern Pennsylvania.

I was born and raised in Kane, Pennsylvania and chose to move back to Kane shortly after graduating from Penn State. The area I live and work in has been providing natural resources since the time of settlement.

In practicing forestry in this resource-rich region for over 30 years I have worked with many conventional oil and gas producers. Though I have not gotten along with all of them all of the time, I can honestly state that I never felt that one of them got out of bed in the morning with the intention of harming the environment. They all want to produce a resource desired by society.

I have worked diligently with oil and gas producers throughout my career in reducing the impact of resource extraction on the environment through smaller, better placed well locations and access roads. I am concerned that if the proposed rules are implemented the landscape will experience more disturbance. I believe the rule implementation will require a larger footprint on the landscape, causing a larger and longer overall impact that has been historically experienced.

I urge you to reconsider implementing the proposed rules. I also urge you to separate the regulations on conventional drilling from the regulations of un-conventional drilling. Unfortunately time does not allow for more detail. However, I will make myself available at the committee's request for a more detailed discussion.

Thank you.