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Form Letter: Impact of Chapter 78 Regulations

Advanced Notice of Final Rulemaking –
Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites (7-484)

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to DEP's proposed Chapter 78 regulations. Please accept my comments as a part of the official public record.

The proposed regulations will have a negative effect on my family, my community and the Commonwealth. The oil and gas industry has provided tens of thousands of jobs for our citizens; created hundreds of millions of dollars in new tax revenue - much of which goes directly to communities like mine; and supported local businesses, educational institutions and charities across the state. The proposed regulations are excessive and will have a negative effect on jobs and local economic opportunities.

Pennsylvania citizens and businesses want to see a strong and thriving energy sector that produces jobs and tax revenue for communities, counties and the state. These proposed Chapter 78 regulations, however, will hurt our local communities, not help them.

Pennsylvania's oil and gas operators already adhere to stringent rules and regulations, and these proposed changes have not been adequately studied to determine if there will be any actual environmental benefits.

Most importantly, I urge you to consider the tens of thousands of families that work directly in the industry and for the local businesses and suppliers that rely upon a strong energy sector. Pennsylvania played a significant role in leading the country out of the recession based in large part on the expansion of natural gas production. Please do not put this at risk.

I request that the DEP reconsider their proposed Chapter 78 revisions and work cooperatively with the industry, local businesses, non-profits and other stakeholders to devise a better set of regulations that works for all of Pennsylvania's citizens, not just those who oppose shale development.

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