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Subject: Comments on the Final Rulemaking to Chapter 78 – Conventional Oil and Gas Wells

Dear DEP Representative:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the notice of final rulemaking to Chapter 78 - Conventional Oil and Gas Wells. My husband's job relies on Pennsylvania having a healthy and robust conventional oil and gas industry. I am concerned that the added burden of increased regulation and associated costs could significantly harm the already strained conventional well industry while providing little or no added benefit to the environment.

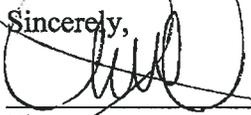
Shallow oil and gas wells have been drilled and operated around where we live for many years and their impact on the environment has been minimal. From what I see, Pennsylvania's environment is in good hands with the oil and gas industry. Those within this industry live, work, and play in the same areas where the oil and gas industry operates and all share a passion for protecting the Commonwealth's natural resources. It is obvious that they – like me – want to pass on the legacy of a clean, healthy environment to our children and grandchildren.

I understand that regulations are necessary. However, the costs of regulations cannot outweigh their benefits. It is obvious to me that the onset of Marcellus shale drilling has sparked these proposed changes, so why not concentrate on regulating that portion of the industry and leave the conventional industry as it currently is? After all, isn't that the very idea of the legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2014 which directed all regulations relating to oil and gas to differentiate between conventional and unconventional well operations?

I am concerned that increased regulations will result in fewer oil and gas wells drilled, which equates to fewer jobs in the industry and in the communities that support it, particularly when we desperately need more jobs within the Commonwealth. It will also mean less tax revenue for all levels of government, placing an even greater burden for balancing budgets. Fewer oil and gas wells will also mean less oil and gas supply which will once again increase our dependence on other countries for our energy needs.

Please consider withdrawing the proposed changes to Chapter 78 - Conventional Oil and Gas Wells. Show us that the well-being of our people, the prosperity of our communities, and our energy future are every bit as important as protecting Pennsylvania's environment.

Sincerely,



Signature

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