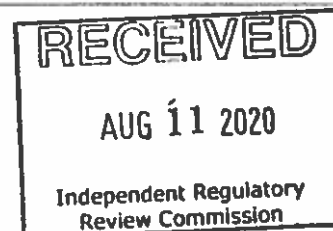


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I'm writing to support PA-DEP's proposal to set standards to protect public health from VOCs and climate pollution from oil and gas operations in Pennsylvania.

While these are a crucial step, I'm calling on PA-DEP to strengthen its proposal by closing existing loopholes for low-producing wells, remove provisions that reduce frequency of inspections for some oil and gas operators, and set these standards for all new and existing oil and gas operations.

I am also pointing out that fracking never produced the economic boom for PA residents that it was supposed to. Vast numbers of new jobs created went to people from Texas who were brought in to work the operations, PA hearing costs have not noticeably changed because so much gas is being exported. While a few lucky land owners get a small windfall, all their neighbors are exposed to high health risks, ruined drinking wells, long term degradation of the environment that indeed effects all of PA. The needs to invest in renewable and clean energy, not continue to to protect profits of an industry that would not be profitable if they paid the true cost of their operations instead of leaving taxpayers with increasing cleanup and reclamation

costs, increased healthcare costs, and increased government regulation in infrastructure costs, which will all go away when we cease fracking entirely and clean up the aftermath.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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