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RE: Ban All Drilling and Fracking Activities in Dimock, Pennsylvania

Dear Governor-elect Shapiro,

A failing regulatory system and a negligent administration left families in Dimock, Pennsylvania without access to clean water for over a decade, after the fracking activities of Coterra (formerly Cabot Oil and Gas) contaminated their water supplies. Your criminal charges against the driller resulting in Coterra's no contest plea last month and agreement to pay in excess of \$16 million for a public water line to affected residents and cover their water bills for 75 years were viewed as some justice for these Pennsylvanians at long last.

However, after more than a decade of denials, of shirking responsibility and accountability, Coterra is being allowed to resume fracking under Dimock.

We have learned that on November 29, when you stood with Dimock residents and announced that these families would finally receive justice, Governor Wolf's Department of Environmental Protection, at the same time lifted the moratorium on fracking in this area that had been in place for more than a decade.

While this community continues to suffer for years awaiting installation of the permanent solution to restore clean running water to their homes, the Houston-based corporation that harmed them is permitted to drill and frack again under their land. This is unconscionable.

As Attorney General you have become keenly aware of how badly the people of Dimock have been harmed. As Governor we demand you honor your duty to protect Pennsylvanians, and reinstate the ban on fracking in Dimock, PA on your very first day in office.

Sincerely,

Food & Water Watch

Better Path Coalition

Delaware Riverkeeper Network

Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania

Clean Air Council

Earthworks

Alliance for Sustainable Communities Lehigh Valley

Beaver County Marcellus Awareness Community (BCMAC)

Berks Gas Truth

Breathe Project

Breathe East Susquehanna County

Bucks Environmental Action

Catskill Mountainkeeper

Center for Biological Diversity

Church Women United in New York State

Citizens to Protect Oakmont

Concerned Health Professionals of Pennsylvania

Concerned Residents of Oxford

CREATE Lab

Damascus Citizens for Sustainability

DelChesco United for Pipeline Safety

Dimock Campmeeting Association

Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt

Earth Action, Inc.

Edgmont Community Safety Group

Environeers

Frack Action

Friends of the Earth

Green Party of Butler and Venango

Green Party of Pennsylvania

Honor the Earth

Keep It Wild PA

LAWPA (Local Authority Western PA)

Marcellus Outreach Butler

Murrysville Watch Committee

Move Past Plastic

MoveOn.org Hoboken

NoPetroPA

North Braddock Residents For Our Future

Occupy Bergen County

Partnership for Sustainability

Peacemakers of Schoharie County NY

Pennsylvania Intergenerational Climate Strike

Pennsylvania Council of Churches

Protect Franklin Park

Protect PT

Quittapahilla Watershed Association

RAFT

Responsible Decarbonization Alliance - RDA

River Guardian Foundation

Save Our Streams, PA

Schuylkill Pipeline Awareness

TIAA-Divest!

Unitarian Universalist Justice PA

United Native Americans

Upper Burrell Citizens Against Marcellus Pollution

Wasatch Clean Air Coalition

We The People NJ-07

West Whiteland Residents for Pipeline Safety

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom- Triangle BranchLib Hutchby

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