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Dear Commission,

Wayne County continues to struggle through the effects of the economic lull. Our residents are diligent and hardworking citizens who are focused on making ends meet and providing a stable family life. In a similar vein, Wayne County residents have waited patiently for the Delaware River Basin Commission to take action regarding the advancement of natural gas extraction in the basin. The special meeting scheduled for Nov. 21, 2011 to consider adoption of draft natural gas development regulations was postponed and to date has created the appearance of being "postponed indefinitely."

The Wayne County Commissioners take this opportunity to convey and communicate thoroughly that Wayne County residents and landowners are being unequivocally deprived of economic benefits and the freedom to make land use decisions. This taking of basic property rights and the denial of economic liberties does not bode well for Wayne County landowners, residents or their families.

The Wayne County Commissioners believe that the inaction-based moratorium on natural gas development has exceeded a reasonable time period and, because of such, has caused irreparable economic harm to those who entered into good faith leasing agreements with natural gas developers.

As articulated and clarified in their 5/08/13 press release titled "SRBC Staying In Its Lane, Studying Water Quantity," the Susquehanna River Basin Commission's purpose and objective is to remain in the agency's lane of expertise. The SRBC states; "when a regulatory agency chooses to stray out of its lane of expertise and mission, it can have profound programmatic and legal consequences. Most important, however, I believe it does the public a disservice." The residents and property owners in Wayne County have suffered and continue to suffer from the disservice that is a consequence of inaction on behalf of the Delaware River Basin Commission.

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The Wayne County Commissioners request and advocate that the Delaware River Basin Commission follow a similar regulatory path as the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and focus on its mission as a water management agency to assure the long term balance between healthy ecosystems and economic vitality.

Further, the Wayne County Commissioners request that the Delaware River Basin Commission abandon any proposed plans to regulate Natural Gas Drilling beyond the already established functions that focus on water quantity and water quality data collection and analysis.

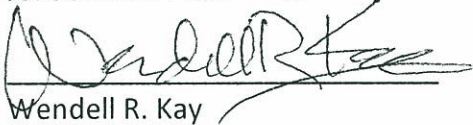
Sincerely,
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