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Thank you for the opportunity to speak today at the DEP Community Advisory Council regarding CNX Resources Radical Transparency Initiative. I am here to advise the DEP and the Office of the Governor to drop all collaboration with this criminal company. CNX Resources received criminal charges for misreporting annual air emissions data, and not accurately reporting emissions. It is naive to believe that CNX can be trusted or relied upon to accurately record and report data in a way that is “radically transparent.” It is clear to me that they are using this initiative as a political trojan horse to provide legitimacy that covers their inability to handle data related to their operations, and their inability to operate in a way that does not harm communities across Washington County.

On the heels of receiving criminal charges for the horrors CNX inflicted on my family for over 13 years, Mr. Deiliis approached Governor Shapiro with the idea for this Mutual Interest Agreement. I testified at both the 43rd and 46th statewide grand juries about my life experience living next to a CNX Resources site. My testimony directly led to eight grand jury recommendations and CNX Resources pleading no contest to criminal charges. If CNX wants to make a radical statement they would be pushing the recommendations given by a jury of our peers. Furthermore, if they are interested in best practices and radical transparency they would cease from continuing the same activity they received criminal charges for, however they have not. The site of their criminal charges, CNX Oak Springs pigging station, continues to blow unprecedented amounts of methane, VOCs and HAPs into my yard, and my neighbors. I never gave CNX permission to trespass on my property as they have done for over 13 years.

The criminal actions I witnessed and experienced at the hands of CNX Resources was unconscionable, and nothing short of a nuisance. CNX Resources is wasting millions of SCF of methane allowing it to blow freely about my community with no regard to human health or the methane's monetary value. It appears that CNX does not care about its own bottomline so why would they care about our communities?

Let me be clear, CNX Resources has a history of wrong doing and criminal activity.

The unprecedented Radical Transparency initiative is beginning to look not so transparent to the residents living next to these sites. The primary focus of the mutual interest agreement is to collect data and make it available to the public. This data includes water monitoring. In order for CNX to publicly share residents' water test results, they needed to

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provide CNX permission to take those samples and then post them online. Because of my close relationship with my community I know of landowners who opted into this program. To my knowledge, none of this data has been shared publicly and the site was archived. Is this not a clear violation of the Mutual Interest Agreement? These omissions make a mockery of the spirit of the mutual interest agreement. The DEP and Governor Shapiro should no longer lend their political capital to a company that will ultimately embarrass them by taking advantage of the Commonwealth's efforts to help.

If you are a part of the Mutual Interest Agreement or Radical Transparency collaboration with this criminal company, now is your time to demand true transparency. It is clear that CNX is either unable or unwilling to be a trustworthy, transparent partner. While my recommendation is that the Mutual Interest Agreement be dissolved, at the very least, residents of the Commonwealth deserve to know that our state agencies tasked with protecting human health and the environment are not being duped by this criminal company.

Sincerely,  
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