

February 6, 2013

Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224



Dear Governor Cuomo,

On behalf of the 612 members of Elected Officials to Protect New York, we want to ensure that you are considering all factors as a deadline for a decision about fracking closes in. As elected officials, we can appreciate the challenges surrounding your review and decision about such a contentious issue. We seek only to respectfully speak for our constituents back home and to be the conduits for their questions and concerns.

There is speculation that you are considering allowing ten to forty fracking wells potentially described as a demonstration project. We do not see this as a viable option. **We believe that under such a plan the gas industry or other entities would sue to open up other areas of the state, and that you would in effect leave the fate of all our constituents in the hands of the legal system.** It is highly questionable that the state could have the ability to pick and choose permits for even a small fracking pilot program in the Southern Tier. Against your best intentions, we fear that opening the door to the gas industry for even one well could turn into an uncontrollable situation. Additionally, with major questions and concerns about health, economic, and environmental impacts still unanswered, we do not believe any number of wells could be justified to our constituents.

We would welcome the opportunity to provide further information and offer our support as you continue to review this issue. As the boots on the ground in municipalities across the state, we have a great deal of insight to provide as you gather the science and facts to make an informed decision.

Sincerely,

Doug Bullock, Albany County Legislator  
Dominick Calsolaro, Albany Common Council  
Carl Chipman, Town of Rochester Supervisor  
Bryan Clenahan, Albany County Legislator  
Charlie Dawson, Albany County Legislator  
James Dean, Village of Cooperstown Trustee  
Julie Huntsman, Town of Otsego Councilmember  
Martha Robertson, Chair of the Tompkins County Legislature  
Jane Russell, Town of Pulteney Supervisor  
Damian M. Ulatowski, Town of Clay Supervisor