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Hon. Andrew Cuomo  
State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We write to add our voice to the chorus of protests you have already received about the idea of possibly allowing high volume horizontal fracking (HVHF) for natural gas in five Southern Tier counties, presumably after DEC regulations have been finalized. Our objections include the following and **many** more:

1. The deleterious effects of this process have been amply demonstrated in neighboring Pennsylvania and in many other states.
2. If the dangers are considered great enough to require protection of citizens, property and water in certain large areas of the state, the citizens in **all** areas deserve the same protections.
3. The state has not yet undertaken needed detailed studies of the health effects of HVHF, but the disastrous health effects of air pollution near the well heads have been amply demonstrated elsewhere.
4. The state is totally lacking in any adequate facilities for handling waste water from the HVHF operations.
5. The state has not acknowledged the devastating impacts of HVHF on established industries that are essential parts of our economy, including tourism, dairy, wine, fruit growing, field crops, hunting, fishing and other kinds of outdoor recreation, among many others.
6. In the light of the impending climate change disaster, we should be doing everything possible to curb investments in fossil fuels and invest in renewable energy instead.

Governor Cuomo, You could become a national hero by **saving** our beautiful, productive state from going down the disastrous path already taken by so many other states, rather than by obediently falling in line to repeat their mistakes.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Nicholson, Chair