

Make the most of your visit to Albany – Leave a calling card!!

After the rally make a visit to the Legislative Office Building and Capitol to leave a message with key legislators - so they know you came to Albany and why.

WHAT TO BRING

Leave a memento or a photo with a short, personal note attached to give legislators a glimpse about why a fracking ban matters to you.

- Perhaps it's a photo of your daughter's wedding or a family vacation at one of the State Parks with a note about how much these pristine areas mean to you;
- Or a label from a bottle of wine from a local winery;
- Or a copy of your electric bill since a local business installed your solar panels, with a note encouraging green jobs and renewable energy;
- Or a picture of flooding from Hurricane Sandy or Irene or Tropical Storm Lee, with a note about methane and climate change;
- Or a bird feather;
- Or a Chobani yogurt container or a wrapper from your favorite local cheese maker;
- Or a postcard or bar of soap from a local bed and breakfast;
- Or a bag of your favorite tea that you drink at the end of the day to relax, but will you be able to relax when trucks rumble by and you don't even know if the water you make your tea with is safe?
- Or twigs from a pine tree along the trail you love to hike because it smells so good;
- Or a picture of the biggest trout you ever caught in NY, or the first day you took your son fishing;
- Or a newsletter from your child's school, for which there are no set-backs established;
- Or the deed for your house which has been in the family for generations, or the one you just bought and now pray that the value doesn't depreciate if fracking comes;
- Or photos of the pond your dog loves to swim in;

- Or one of those amazing fossil rocks that can be found everywhere upstate that reminds us how fleeting our existence is, though the mark we make is for eternity.

You get the idea - use your imagination, make it personal, and attach a short note about why a fracking ban is important to you. Be sure to include your name, address, email.

Make several copies so that your memento can be delivered to all the key senate leaders listed below.

NOTE: your memento must be able to pass security (no liquids, metals, powders or sharp objects) Also, it must have minimal market value so that ethics rules re: gifts are not violated.

WHERE TO LEAVE YOUR CALLING CARD:

The following are the 9 key Senate leaders that need to hear from you. Most important are the 5 members of the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC) who are essentially swing voters.

304 LOB Sen. Jeffrey Klein, Leader, IDC
315 LOB Sen. Diane Savino IDC
311 LOB Sen. David Valesky IDC
302 LOB Sen. David Carlucci IDC
808 LOB Sen. Malcolm Smith IDC
909 LOB Sen. Dean Skelos, Leader, Senate Rep. Conference
907 LOB Sen. John Sampson, Leader, Senate Dem. Conference
902 LOB Sen. Mark Grisanti (R) Chair, Enviro. Conservation Cmte
504 LOB Sen. Tony Avella (D) Ranking member, Environmental Conservation Cmte.

Find your Senator here <http://www.nysenate.gov/>

Governor Cuomo's Office = 2nd floor of Capitol Building