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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Memorializing the New York State Legislature to Adopt, and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to Sign Into Law, A.5424-A and S.4236-A Which Would Impose a Two-Year Hydrofracking Moratorium and Issue a Health Impact Assessment

Honorable Legislators:

Hydraulic fracturing, commonly referred to as “fracking”, is a matter of deep concern facing the State of New York. Fracking refers to a drilling technique that involves injecting water, sand, and chemicals at a high pressure into shale rock formations in order to release and obtain natural gas. States that have embraced this way of drilling have experienced air pollution, water contamination, and other posed health dangers.

Millions of gallons of toxic wastewater are produced as a byproduct of fracking. The chemicals found in this wastewater have been shown to cause a number of serious health problems, including cancer. Spillages and overflows of this water have contaminated lakes, rivers and other water supplies located in fracking areas.

Unfortunately, not all wastewater can be removed from drilling wells and therefore remains in pockets underground. The fractures created in shale beds create a risk that this toxic water will migrate to and contaminate vital underground water sources, once again jeopardizing public health.

The best way to ensure that the New York State Legislature and the people of New York State have the proper amount of time to review the negative impacts of fracking before making this crucial policy decision is to sign into law A.5424-A and S.4236-A, which would impose a Hydrofracking Moratorium and issue a Health Impact Assessment. The law will prohibit fracking in New York State until May 15, 2015.

I ask that you join me in memorializing the New York State Legislature and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to adopt and implement a Hydrofracking Moratorium/Health Impact Assessment to protect all New York State residents and our water supplies from unnecessary harm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph J. Carbone, D.D.". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dr. Joe Carbone
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