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We, the undersigned, are New York grassroots activists who write to request that your environmental groups become signatories to a coalition letter which respectfully asks Governor Cuomo to withdraw his Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Marcellus Shale Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) because it is nearly five years old, lacks any current information whatsoever and cannot protect New York from shale fracking hazards.

We believe that the Draft SGEIS and its equally outdated "health impact analysis" are indisputably insufficient to allow Governor Cuomo to decide whether to permit shale fracking in New York. That is arguably the most important environmental policy facing our state in a generation.

The coalition letter has received extensive media coverage and has more than 2,100

signatories, including elected officials, local environmental and community organizations, philanthropists, academicians, scientists, physicians and other health professionals, business and religious leaders, prominent authors and artists, farmers and concerned citizens of every description.

But its signatories do not include any of your organizations or even one national or statewide environmental group.

The silence of your prominent groups on this critical matter is inexplicable. That is why we write today to bring this matter to your urgent attention.

The letter also respectfully requests that Governor Cuomo:

- a) Halt his State Department of Health (DOH) "review" of the outdated "health impact analysis" in the Draft SGEIS;
- b) Instruct his DOH to undertake a comprehensive shale fracking "Public Health Impact Study" openly and transparently using all available current data;
- c) Require DOH and DEC to utilize the findings of the proposed "Public Health Impact Study" to adopt a new Generic Environmental Impact Statement. That is precisely what the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency recommended in 2009.

See: <http://www.toxicstargeting.com/MarcellusShale/letters/2014/6/23/coalition-letter-withdraw-sgeis>

These requests echo a series of well-documented coalition letters with more than 50,000 signatories that were sent over the last five years to Governors Paterson and Cuomo. Those letters all received extensive local, statewide, national and international media coverage and have played an instrumental role in making sure that an inadequate Final SGEIS has not been adopted.

As a direct result, New York's *de facto* shale fracking moratorium has been extended year after year since 2008, notably by requiring the original Draft SGEIS to be "revised" pursuant to Executive Order No. 41. That requirement still has not been achieved.

The extraordinary result of this effort is that not one shale gas production well has ever been fracked in New York.

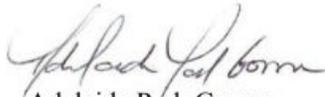
If our state's shale fracking moratorium can be extended, it is very likely that natural gas production will dwindle to zero. Thousands of production wells have recently "played out" and been abandoned. In 2013 (the most recent year for which permitting data are available) only one gas well was drilled and "completed" for production in the entire state.

In conclusion, New York has an unprecedented opportunity to eliminate fossil fuel extraction hazards that have plagued our state for nearly 200 years. Statewide natural gas production has fallen to the level of 25 years ago. Statewide oil production has plunged to the lowest levels in a century.

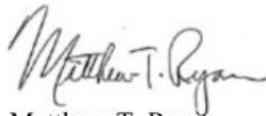
We believe that achieving this goal would have important statewide and national environmental and energy policy consequences. That is why we ask your groups to become signatories to this important letter.

Thank you for your consideration. We trust that you will find the letter self-explanatory, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about it.

Always respectfully,



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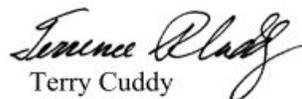
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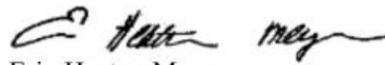
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