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ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

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Mr. Walter Hang
215 North Cayuga Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

Dear Mr. Hang:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns on hydraulic fracturing and the Marcellus Shale.

While I recognize that the existence of natural gas formations in New York State may provide significant benefits to our economy and energy security, I also understand that this process may pose new risks to public health and the environment. I believe we must thoroughly study the potential impacts of high volume hydraulic fracturing, and identify ways to lessen those impacts, before allowing any permits to be issued for this type of natural gas drilling.

For these reasons, I have continued an Executive Order that directs the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to complete its Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) - a comprehensive review of natural gas drilling's environmental impact - before considering the issuance of permits for hydraulic fracturing. As part of this process, DEC will issue a second draft of the SGEIS this summer and accept another round of public comments before finalizing the SGEIS.

Thank you again for contacting me and for becoming an integral part of this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo".

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