

The Honorable Richard Bloom
State Capitol, Room
Sacramento, CA 94249
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CC: Assembly member

Date

RE: AB 1301-Support

Dear Assembly member Bloom:

_____ supports Assembly Bill 1301, which places a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in California. Fracking endangers our climate, air, water, public health and private property and, despite the oil and gas industry's well-financed public relations spin, fracking will not bring economic prosperity or energy security to our state.

Fracking is already taking place in California and is slated for massive expansion throughout the state. Nationwide, fracking and its resulting toxic wastewater, has developed an extensive track record of spills, accidents, leaks, pollution, and property damage. California already has serious water contamination/quality and air pollution problems and fracking will only make them worse. Finally, we are concerned that fracking will greatly undermine our ability to deal with our climate crisis and the progress we've made since passing groundbreaking Assembly Bill 32. Recent studies show that fracking, due to profuse methane emissions, actually has a worse greenhouse gas footprint than coal production.

The Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) is currently unwilling or unable to protect the public from fracking. We thank you for your leadership in protecting Californians and our essential resources from fracking.

Sincerely,