

Dear Governor McCrory,

As elected officials, we are deeply concerned about the significant and growing threat hydraulic fracturing poses to our health and environment. We urge you to stand up for the right of all communities to determine whether, where, and how this dirty drilling is conducted within their own borders.

Across the country, fracking operations have contaminated water, put residents' health at risk, and turned rural landscapes into industrial zones. There have been more than one thousand documented cases of drinking water contamination across the country. Moreover, a growing number of scientific studies are now linking toxic fracking pollution with a wide range of health risks including cancer.

In addition, fracking also imposes particular burdens on local communities, from strained services to ruined roads. As with other extractive booms, the arrival and expansion of fracking operations has been correlated with a wide range of social problems, including increases in domestic violence, drug use, traffic accidents, and civil disturbances. Other local impacts— such as water and soil contamination and reduced property values— are likely to persist long after the boom is gone, and we will be the ones left to pick up the pieces.

In the face of these grave impacts, and with our moratorium now lifted, it is no surprise that a growing number of communities are moving to halt or substantially limit fracking within their borders. The notion that our communities have the right to bar or limit activities which threaten public health or the quality of life of their residents has a long tradition in North Carolina's law. This principle is the basis of common health ordinances and local land use rules, including zoning, which often involve trade-offs with property rights and other interests. Yet the oil and gas industry has the audacity to insist that this basic principle of local control should not apply to its operations.

With fracking now legal in our state, it may be coming into our backyards and farmlands, next door to our hospitals and schools, and into the pristine and wild acres that provide drinking water and recreational opportunities for North Carolinians. In light of the foregoing, we believe that all communities in North Carolina should have the right to reject fracking operations— including not only well pads but also waste pits, compressor stations, and all the infrastructure of dirty drilling— within their borders. We urge you to declare your clear support for this right of local control here in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

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