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March 10, 2011

Governor Andrew Cuomo
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

The Village Independent Democrats (VID) is seriously concerned that as of this date no evidence has been shown to indicate that fluids used during Hydraulic Fracturing for natural gas can be completely filtered out of drinking water, and no workable remedy is available once contamination has occurred. Numerous reports of water contamination from *hydrofracking* have appeared in states across the country.

We understand that there is renewed pressure to approve *hydrofracking* in New York State. Now is not the time to do so. Until the recently announced E.P.A. study on *hydrofracking* is complete, hydraulic fracturing as a method of accessing natural gas must be considered far too dangerous to be approved by any New York State entity.

VID hereby calls on you, Governor Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, and the New York State Commission of Environmental Conservation to prohibit Hydraulic Fracturing for natural gas within New York State.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Geballe / A.Z.

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