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As I read almost daily new stories on the impact of hydrofracking on drinking water, air quality and the quality of life in general, I wonder how Congress can possibly maintain the "halliburton loopholes and how the EPA can allow horizontal shale drilling. The stories pile up- first the undisclosed chemicals, then the radioactive NORMs, the methane leaks to water wells and the huge warming impact of methane and now Barth's report on the fallacy of the "economic boom." Compulsory integration in NYS has a lower threshold than in any other state (60%) and threatens to devour the home values and tourism in my community. And the lack of home rule in NYS Envir. Conservation law insures that we have no input on our future. I ask that you use your power to save our community before upstate NY becomes an empty industrial zone.

Thank you

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