

October 5, 2012

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of the State of New York NYS Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

As one of the many organizations that submitted comments on hydrofracking to the DEC during the recent regulatory hearings, Reform Jewish Voice of New York State applauds your recent decision to further study this issue. Our position on hydrofracking is rooted in our religious tradition whose teachings compel us to act as guardians of our environment. We believe that there are many unanswered questions about the protection of our environment and safety of our residents that must be answered before hydrofracking should be undertaken in New York State.

Your decision to commission a further study to examine the possible impact of hydrofracking on public health was a prudent one. We appreciate your commitment to the principle that any future decisions about hydrofracking be based on science, not emotion. We understand that this is a complex issue and that your decision was not an easy one. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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