

Dear Classmates,

I would like to see every single one of you sign a petition letter to the Governor of New York, David Paterson. Here's why.

I have spent the last month learning about something that has me and a lot of other people terrified-- the possibility that a good portion of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia could be devastated by natural gas drilling using horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing to extract the gas. Last night, I went to the latest of many informational meetings I have attended, and returned resigned to implore as many people as I can to do one very simple, but very, very important thing:

Go to: [www.toxicstargeting.com](http://www.toxicstargeting.com) and on the right hand side of the home page click on Coalition Letter and after reading it, click on Sign the Coalition Letter to sign the petition.

If you want to find out more about what we are up against in the fight against the gas companies and in the effort to convince Governor Paterson to continue the de facto moratorium on gas drilling by withdrawing the Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (dSGEIS), check out the other pages on this website under Special Sections and also go to: [www.shaleshock.org](http://www.shaleshock.org).

Walter Hang, the 'capo' of Toxics Targeting and presenter at the meeting last evening and the most informed person I have encountered on this whole terribly complex issue, couldn't have been any more emphatic or convincing when he said that putting pressure on Governor Paterson to withdraw the dSGEIS is the ONLY hope we have of stopping the commencement of gas drilling. Continuing the moratorium will allow the DEC to come up with regulations that will help to insure the safety of our water and air and therefore all of us creatures that depend on them. If you had been at this meeting, you too would want to convince everyone you know to sign this petition. Walter says (and I believe him because he has years of experience and has been an extremely effective watchdog on a variety of environmental issues) that if we can get 5,000 signatures on this coalition letter, we will draw enough media coverage to make an already weakened governor back down in his effort to use natural gas as the way to solve the state's financial woes, as well as to recognize that an inadequately regulated natural gas industry could spell an environmental disaster of monumental proportions for our state, including Tompkins County.

So please, please sign the petition and urge everyone you know (**and they don't have to be New York residents**) to sign it!!!!!! At our 45th reunion, many folks commented on the noticeable changes in little old Ithaca and Tompkins County. If you want it to stay recognizable, at the very least, sign this petition!

If even half of our classmates did this it would be a huge help in getting to the 5,000 signatories mark! If you have any questions/comments shoot them my way.

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