

July 10, 2011

Joseph Martens
Commissioner
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233

Dear Commissioner Martens,

I appreciate the Department of Environmental Conservation's hard work in thoroughly looking at the safety of hydraulic fracturing in New York State. However, I do not agree with the state's consideration at this time to potentially lift the moratorium on high volume horizontal drilling.

As sponsor of legislation (S5592) that would have extended the moratorium on hydrofracking, I have serious concerns. Although I am pleased that the New York City and Syracuse watersheds will be exempt as they are unfiltered water sources, it does however raise a troubling paradox. If the threat of potential pollution is too great to subject the New York City and Syracuse watersheds too, why would it then be acceptable to subject water sources in the rest of the state to the same potential contamination?

I am also concerned about the financial burden the state will undertake to regulate this industry and whether or not there are sufficient state resources to do so. The DEC specifically has lost a quarter of its staff since 1990. The open expansion of drilling could further strain an already strained agency.

I look forward to reviewing the final recommendations of the DEC and hope these recommendations keep all of New York's citizens' safety in mind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Carlucci". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

David Carlucci

State Senator
38th District