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There should be a moratorium on high-volume hydraulic fracturing until all of the following actions are taken:

1. The FRAC Act is passed by Congress. This is the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act. This Act would remove the exemptions that the gas industry has from the Safe Drinking Water Act; and it would make the EPA responsible for controlling and regulating fracking, including the disclosure of the chemicals used.
2. The current EPA study is completed and analyzed. The EPA is conducting a study of the impact of fracking on drinking water and the environment. Who in their right mind would not want a ban until a thorough study is completed by our pre-eminent agency that is supposed to protect the environment?
3. Until an objective, scientific cumulative impact study is performed and analyzed which specifically addresses all environmental, public health, social, municipal planning and economic concerns. By CUMULATIVE, we are referring to the CUMULATIVE effect of ALL of the wells combined...THE approximately 80,000 gas wells that may be drilled and fracked in NYS.
4. Until appropriate treatment plants are in place for the environmentally safe disposal of all toxic fluids associated with the process. WE must be concerned about where the vast amounts of water are drawn and be just as vigilant with the disposal of the end-product cocktail.



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5. Until adequate manpower and funding exist for strict regulation and oversight of the industry, both at the state and federal levels.
6. Until appropriate windfall taxes on the gas industry, and others who will profit, are in place to adequately fund infrastructure repair and maintenance, and provide for the mitigation of environmental and health effects.
7. Until compulsory integration is analyzed and re-evaluated. It is preposterous that a person who does not want drilling on or under his land can have no say in the matter if he happens to live adjacent to landowners who favor drilling.
8. Until farming is supported and valued enough to ensure that our farmers have a sustainable, safe, honorable and profitable to earn a living that benefits them and all of us. No one should have to sell his land for fracking as the only way out of hardship.



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