Dear DOE,

My religious congregation just completed a year's study on the advantages and disadvantages of fracking. Conclusion: NO amount of economic benefits could possible outweigh the economic, moral, and future damage if we allow it to continue. Even if somehow the negative effects of water pollution, toxic effects on people and animals, noise levels, damage to roads, ruination of land (fracking itself and sand mining), etc., could be eliminated, by definition it increases the amount of methane in the atmosphere as well as carbon dioxide and other toxic chemicals.

The country and world are already experiencing the effects of climate change. We cannot afford the economic and health results of allowing it to continue.

Please do not fall victim to short-term, narrow thinking espoused by the fossil-fuel industries. They exist to make a profit. Encourage them to look long-term at the economic benefits of investing in renewable energy. Please turn around our energy sourcing in order to protect our climate, air, land, beauty, people, and all living beings now and into the future.

Sincerely,

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"Earth is not a planet with life on it; rather, it is a living planet." Lewis Thomas
(biologist)