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Comment: Dear Sirs: I would respectfully request that the State of New York needs to move forward promptly, with due attention to environmental issues, in developing the immense natural gas resources that are being discovered in the Marcellus, Utica, and Herkimer Formations. Horizontal drilling with fracturing certainly has its hazards, particularly in regards to proper disposal of used drilling water. But the fact is that one of the chief natural gas fields in the entire United States is the Barnett Shale, which exists immediately below a heavily populated and rapidly growing region in and around Fort Worth, Texas. To date there does not appear to be any significant damage to humans or property caused by that extensive drilling, all of which required the use of horizontal drilling and fracturing techniques. While I presently live in Pennsylvania, it is my intention to return to New York where I had lived quite satisfactorily for a number of years. I own a farm of 268 acres in Cayuga County, New York where I have a natural gas lease with Chesapeake that will expire in 2011. While my property might be marginal in regards to the great potential for finding shale gas in large quantities, a large stretch of country to the south of my farm has tremendous possibilities. New York state needs a clean energy source. The state's economy is crippled by the recession that has engulfed our country. We need to move expeditiously on both fronts by developing responsibly what we are so fortunate to possess. Sincerely yours,
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