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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you as I am deeply concerned as well as vehemently opposed to fracking and the auctioning off drilling rights near Lewisville Lake in Lake Dallas, Texas. I have been a resident of Shady Shores, Texas for eight years, which also sits on the shores of Lewisville Lake just few miles north of Lake Dallas. I have three kids that I am raising here and am worried that the effects of fracking will not only diminish their quality of life but put a risk their health and well-being.

The risks of fracking are numerous and well documented. Studies by independent parties, including major universities have revealed evidence as to the following :

- Contamination of groundwater
- Methane pollution and its impact on climate change
- Air pollution impacts
- Exposure to toxic chemicals
- Blowouts due to gas explosion
- Waste disposal
- Large volume water use in water-deficient regions
- Fracking-induced earthquakes
- Infrastructure degradation

I am sure you have heard of all of these and have seen studies to the contrary, studies that show there is no conclusive evidence of fracking being harmful to the environment. I would ask you by who were these studies conducted and/or paid for them? My guess is the majority of pro-fracking studies were backed and paid for by the oil industry and organizations that stand to profit from fracking. I am making a plea to you as a human being, someone who has a home of your own and a family. Would you want this activity, fracking going on in your neighborhood, town, or other nearby location? Lastly I ask you from your official stand point, what are the BLM criteria for not auctioning these fracking rights? What will your office need to see/have in order to not to auction these rights? If you would like to reach me this week, I am available during normal business hours at (214) 918-5956.

Sincerely,



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