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To Whom this may concern,

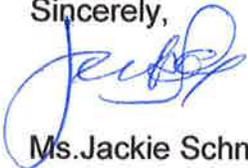
I am a resident of West Michigan (Barry County) and I am writing today to urge you to re-think your decision to lease mineral rights to 27,000 acres in the Allegan State Game Area. As you know, Michigan holds 20% of the World's fresh water! I cannot imagine why the U.S. government would choose to jeopardize this valuable natural resource for a short sighted and risky new method of mining for gas and oil.

We have only to look as far as other states such as CO, PA, Ohio, N.D. TX, etc. to see what can happen when horizontal hydraulic fracturing is used. The many health effects are, of course, kept secret due to gag agreements by industry and the victims. Health and environment aside, however, the dramatic contamination of fresh water in a world that is facing draught in many areas is totally irresponsible.

I was not born yesterday and am well aware of the incredible power and money that big oil and gas wield in this county but am still hoping you will reconsider leasing our national parks to the gas and oil industry. It will not make us energy independent as many companies are owned by Chinese and many companies sell the gas and oil to China.

I trust that you will make an intelligent and thoughtful decision not to lease National Land for fracking.

Sincerely,



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