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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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Dear Bureau of Land Management New Mexico Office,

I am writing you this letter to protest hydraulic fracturing very near to my home town. It is my understanding that the plan is to start fracking near the northwest side of Lewisville Lake in Hickory Creek. I currently live in The Colony Texas where I am raising my one year old son. Courtesy of NBCDFW.com I am now aware that this fracking is even being considered. In doing some light research I can tell you that I absolutely protest the hydraulic fracturing of this area or any area for that matter, mainly because of the toxic chemicals. Thank you to dangersoffracking.com I have learned that there are up 600 chemicals used in fracking fluid including lead, uranium, mercury, ethylene glycol, radium, methanol, hydrochloric acid and formaldehyde. None of this sounds comforting. If something were to happen and this water that is used to supply thousands of people becomes contaminated, that would be devastating. I do not want to put the health of my child, my family or my community in jeopardy. It is not worth it. Not to mention, this website states that methane concentrations are 17 times higher in drinking water wells near fracturing sites than in normal wells. Even if I didn't live right next to Lewisville Lake where my water can potentially become contaminated because of this, why would anyone want to release these chemicals into our atmosphere? According to dangersoffracking.com only 30-50% of the water used (which I learned is A LOT of water) is recovered, the rest of the toxic fluid is left in the ground and is not biodegradable. The waste fluid is supposedly left in open air pits to evaporate. The toxic water used for fracking is left to evaporate. Just want to let that sink in. I don't want these chemicals around me, my family or my community. If this letter is the only way to voice that, then here it is. I can't even tell you the benefits of fracking because in my eyes there are none. I would rather pay a little more money to fill up my car with gas, rather than pay with my health for a few extra dollars in my pocket.

Sincerely,

Lauren Nemeth