

Chair Blasdel, Vice Chair Fischer, Ranking Member Rogers, and Members of the House

Natural Resources Committee.

My name is Dr. Gerald Sgro. I am a retired research biologist who has worked extensively in my career with issues of water pollution primarily in the Great Lakes, but also with polluted systems in Colorado impacted by mine drainage.

I am well aware of the insidious pollution impacts from what would be thought to be harmless mining operations. Fracking in or near our state parks constitutes a total disregard for the intended purpose of these parks which the people of this state pay for and enjoy because it is virtually impossible to do so without incurring damage to these areas despite the best efforts of those in charge of the mining operations.

I would also add that given the recent international events, it is clear that our wisest investments should be in sustainable energy.