

SB219

Please do not advance SB219. This bill is an abomination and a gift to fracking companies, making it easier and quicker to get fracking licenses with less time for valid opposition. It would allow fracking licenses to be extended for extra years with no constraints and it would drastically limit needed oversight by the ODNR. It would change priorities from plugging orphan wells based on how dangerous or polluting they are to plugging orphan wells near fracking waste injection sites, for the benefit of the fracking industry, putting citizens health and well-being at further risk. It would eliminate local government requirements, again trampling on the rights of people to govern themselves on issues that directly impact them.

It's a time for the Ohio legislature to develop a spine and stop kneeling at the feet of the energy companies. Start doing what is best for the people of Ohio who elect you. and for whom you are supposed to work. Protect our health and well-being. Protect the state parks and public lands that were set aside for us. Please, do not allow public spaces to turn into sites of hazardous chemical injections and industrial development. As someone who wants to breathe clean air and drink clean water, I certainly want the oil and gas industry to be adequately regulated. PLEASE, DO NOT ADVANCE THIS BILL!