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Chair Blasdel, Vice Chair Fischer, Ranking Member Rogers, and Members of the House Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Alex Fay and I am a registered nurse who lives in Cleveland. As a nurse, I care deeply about the climate crisis as it negatively affects the health and wellness of our communities. SB 219 would speed up the process to frack lands in our state parks and public lands, which would be detrimental to our public health and our environment. Fracking has been shown to lead to increased respiratory illnesses such as asthma as well as poor pregnancy and birth outcomes. Furthermore, a study found that children who were living near fracking sites were at increased risk of being diagnosed with leukemia compared with those who did not live near fracking sites.

Gov. DeWine has already vetoed many of the provisions in this bill, and it is incredibly questionable that legislators are trying to re-introduce them. Public lands should be for the public, and should remain free from fracking. Vote no on SB 219 and support the health and wellness of our communities and our environment.

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