

RE: OPPOSITION TO SB219

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

I am a tax-paying, Ohio citizen. My family, friends and I all immensely enjoy our beautiful state parks and wildlife. These areas are our favorite places in the state!

I (and EVERYONE I know) VERY STRONGLY OPPOSE SB219.

The state has already approved over 11,000 ACRES of our incredible parks and wildlife area for fracking – 11,000 ACRES! SB219 would speed up the process to frack EVEN MORE lands.

As you know, fracking has a HUGE toll on our water resources; it contributes to air pollution and climate impact—along with greatly diminishing our Ohio citizens' enjoyment of these beautiful areas. It also greatly impacts revenue the state receives from tourism, since the more fracking, the fewer and fewer residents and visitors to our beautiful natural areas.

Fracking has ALREADY committed over 1.9 BILLION gallons of our fresh water—you are well aware (as is the public!) of the immense and dangerous problems with disposing of fracking wastewater.

Additionally, our Governor has already vetoed numerous provisions of this bill from the state budget. Why are legislators now trying to include these provisions into this bill?

Again, I respectfully and strongly declare my OPPOSITION to SB219.

Thank you.