

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

I am submitting testimony today in opposition to Sub SB 219. As a long-time resident of Ohio and a frequent user of its parks, this measure is in direct opposition to my beliefs about what is important to me and to my fellow Ohioans.

This bill speeds up the process of permitting fracking in our state parks. Fracking itself should not be allowed and to speed up the process is to thumb your nose at the public and favor businesses. As it stands, more than 11,000 acres of our parks and wildlife areas have been approved for fracking. As a grandparent, one of the things I look forward to the most is the chance to share my love of the outdoors. I am afraid that additional acreage and the pollution left behind by fracking will impede my ability to share many of the things that make the outdoors special. Speeding up the approval process does not seem at all to be reasonable.

In addition to chemicals and sand, fracking pumps millions of gallons of water into the ground, mixed with chemicals and sand. The processes uses local water sources such as nearby lakes and streams and only a very small amount of freshwater is recycled.

I am appalled with the lackadaisical approach that this bill takes to the impact of fracking on the future for my grandchildren and yours.

Please do not vote to move this bill forward.

Thank you,

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