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From: Greenleaf, Kim
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 8:39 AM
To: Dale Potter
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Subject: RE: Ordinance to Prohibit Fracking

Mr. Potter:

On behalf of Commissioner Eggers, thank you for your email voicing your support of the Ordinance amending County Chapter 58 (Environment) by adding Article IX (providing a ban on Oil and Gas Well Stimulation, including but not limited to Acid Fracturing, Hydraulic Fracturing and Matrix Acidizing).

Your email will be included in the public record for Item 8 of the BCC Agenda for 6/7th. Thank you for taking the time to contact our office.

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June 5, 2016

Commissioner Dave Eggers
315 Court St.
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Commissioner Eggers:

I strongly urge you to support the ordinance to prohibit well stimulation activities including hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and matrix acidizing in Pinellas County. The public health threats from hydraulic fracturing are significant. They include contamination of groundwater, methane leaks, exposure to toxic chemicals, waste disposal of large volumes toxic water, fracture-induced earthquakes and workplace safety.

A fracking prohibition is supported in the findings from a 151 page 2015 report, "Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking." It states:

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CONCLUSION

“Altogether, findings to date from scientific, medical, and journalistic investigations combine to demonstrate that fracking poses significant threats to air, water, health, public safety, climate stability, seismic stability, community cohesion, and long-term economic vitality. Emerging data from a rapidly expanding body of evidence continue to reveal a plethora of recurring problems and harms that cannot be averted or cannot be sufficiently averted through regulatory frameworks. In the words of esteemed pediatrician Jerome Paulson, MD, there is “no evidence that...fracking can operate without risks to human health.... Any claims of safety are based on wishful thinking.”

Again, I strongly urge you to support the ordinance to prohibit fracking in Pinellas County.

Sincerely,

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