



# Joint Landowners Coalition of New York, Inc.

To foster, promote, advance and protect the common interest of the people as it pertains to natural gas development through education and best environmental practices.

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### **Landowners Outraged Over Governor Cuomo's Ban of Natural Gas Production**

**BINGHAMTON – December 17, 2014** – Dan Fitzsimmons, President of the Joint Landowners Coalition of New York said: “Today Governor Cuomo once again turned his back on the hard working men and women of the Southern Tier, opting instead to appease the state’s environmental extremists for his own political gain. Governor Cuomo rejected lower taxes, lower utility bills, job creation, business growth, clean affordable energy and domestic power generation. He used local zoning as one of many excuses for today’s decision but failed to explain why his administration sat idle while NY courts obliterated our state’s right to regulate drilling. Today the world saw why New York ranks last in every national economic measure and why this Governor is the worst energy leader in the country.”

“Governor Cuomo said he doesn’t know of any positives about hydraulic fracturing. Obviously he has not been listening to President Obama, Hillary Clinton, the EPA and the Governors of 34 states who know that hydraulic fracturing has reduced our dependency on foreign oil, increased our energy security, improved our economy, lowered gas prices and, most importantly, reduced our greenhouse gas emissions to their lowest levels since 1994. Where was Governor Cuomo when President Obama said natural gas is ‘the bridge fuel that can power our economy with less of the carbon pollution that causes climate change?’”

“The landowners deserve to know why our health department can’t form an opinion on the science of hydraulic fracturing when state health departments across the country have approved the process. Is our health department ignoring impacts of other energy options and

suggesting that we continue with our reliance on coal and nuclear energy? Did our health department consider the health effects of poverty and unemployment?"

"It is a sad day for all New Yorkers but it's what we have come to expect from our misguided Governor."

**About The Joint Landowners Coalition of New York**

*The mission of The Joint Landowners Coalition of New York (JLCNY) is to foster, promote, advance and protect the common interest of the people as it pertains to natural gas development through education and best environmental practices. JLCNY gathers and provides factual, objective information about safe and responsible natural gas development to landowners and community members. ###*