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Jeff Hitchcock, Presiding Clerk
Religious Society of Friends
15 Rutherford Place
New York, NY 10003

Re: Assembly Bills 567 & 575

Dear Mr. Hitchcock,

Thank you for your correspondence setting forth your concerns regarding hydraulic fracturing. Assembly Bill 567, which seeks to prohibit the drilling technique of hydraulic fracturing, has not yet been released from committee. I co-sponsored and, on June 21st, voted in favor of Assembly Bill 575, which sought to prohibit the disposal, discharge, treatment or storage of wastewater from hydraulic fracturing in the state of New Jersey. Although the bill passed both the Assembly and Senate, Governor Christie chose to veto the bill in September. However, I continue to maintain my position in support of this legislation and would vote in favor of overriding the Governor's veto.

While I understand that fracking is providing the nation with an inexpensive, domestic source natural gas, there is insufficient information about the fracking chemicals and their effect on our environment. Health and safety concerns are paramount and dictate that we proceed cautiously with regard to this new method of natural gas retrieval.

I appreciate you taking the time to once again contact my office to share your position on this matter. I value your opinion and if I can be of further assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Assemblywoman Marlene Caride
36th Legislative District

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