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Fracking is devistating to our air, our water, our land, our communities. human and non human.
There is no seperation between the air in my lungs and the air that fracking pollutes. There is no seperation between my blood and the water that fracking uses to extinction, toxifying permanently. There is no seperation between my body and the land that fracking violates. There is no seperation between you, our County Commissioners and your community.
Join us - BAN FRACKING.
We are one →

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The Earth's Health is
our Health.
Protect yourselves
protect us all.
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Environmental damage due to: volatile organic compounds, released by the oil & gas wells, water contaminated by proppants, and spills of oil & "produced water." The regulation of over 129,000 wells in the state does not provide for protection of the environment on which all living beings depend. Water is a vital resource for all life. Water in the state of Colorado is scarce. Our rivers are oversubscribed. In fact the Colorado River Compact, designed over 120 years ago, was oversubscribed at the time it became enforceable. (The 10 years of record ~~used~~ used to determine average flow, are the highest on record.)

Our domestic, agricultural, and recreational water are being given away - forever - to an industry that places all living beings vulnerable to ~~in~~ the greatest risks imaginable. And the consequences, because they have never before existed on this scale, are (use the backside if needed)

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entirely unimaginable.

Because there is not sufficient regulation at the federal or state levels of this industry; because the extraction process is not paying the true cost of their operations; because human beings cannot co-exist with soil, air, and water that is contaminated by propane, ethelyene, toululene, and the multitude of additional hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds that are produced by this industry; it is contingent on all responsible citizens, within government & outside of it, to protect the ability of human beings to live on this planet beyond the next decades.

I urge you to establish and enforce a moratorium on this industry by

(1) charging a fair-market price for the water from the county and its cities and townships used by the industry;

(2) establish with citizen volunteers a cadre of monitors and inspectors ~~to test~~ focus on active and inactive well sites in the county,

(3) require setbacks in all development areas - residential and commercial - in the county for active and inactive well sites, and

(4) ~~establish a [illegible] for monitoring air quality~~ require re-vegetation and reclamation at well sites and surrounding areas where produced water ~~[illegible]~~ is often released on the ground.

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If we allow the COGCC to frack Colorado, they lead us down a road darkly - a road to Hell → fouled AIR, fouled water, fouled water - billions upon billions of gallons of water - poisoned and used "to extinction" never again to enter the hydrological cycles - what a gift to leave our children! Sickness, drought, death. "you don't miss your water until your well runs dry"

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as far as a "bridge fuel";
please see the Cornell University's
report released late 2011 → "natural
gas is absolutely not an acceptable
"bridge fuel"... due largely to
methane released during "fracking".

Boulder County, please stand up and
Ban Fracking in Boulder County -
that we may be an inspiration
and strength for other counties
todo the same. Community Rights,

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The evidence is clear: fracking destroys everything in its vicinity. Stand up to the oil and gas industry which is destroying everything in its path.

I am also astonished at how very little revenue fracking could ever bring to Boulder County.

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I recommend That Boulder County renew The temporary Moratorium on processing Oil + Gas applications. I believe The reasons listed for The moratorium are still valid: The changing technology, water use issues, and lateral fracking with water + unknown chemical mixtures, land surface disturbance, noise, and wildlife impacts. The issues regarding lateral fracking, including water pollution and quantity of water used and possible fault instability (causing earthquakes) are still in contention.

To review policies and potential impacts on The county will take a lot of man hours and should not be rushed to accomodate The oil and gas industry. It is much easier to ensure safe and responsible operations before oil and gas development, Than to mitigate problems afterwards.

Please extend The moratorium to ensure The health and safety of The people, flora, + fauna of Boulder County.

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It seems to me that the complications involved in what the county is allowed to do legally are so great that a much longer moratorium to study this is necessary. Does the EPA as a federal agency trump the state?

In the potential problem list (use of water - a scarce resource, pollution, etc) I don't see potential for causing earthquakes mentioned. I believe this has happened in the ~~west~~ midwest.

In the long run - green energy should be our focus, because of the devastating legacy we are otherwise leaving of climate change.

Save us from Distopia! (use the backside if needed)

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The evidence as presented today is overwhelmingly clear that the risks and hazards of oil & gas drilling must outweigh any monetary gain or even legal reasons for allowing frakking anywhere, and, in this case, in my backyard. I am unashamedly a NIBY in this case and I urge all ~~council member~~ commissioners to take that stand. How long will humanity place immediate needs and desires before the health & well being of our children and our environment? Take a stand now - do what is right for our future, our planet. Thank you (use the backside if needed)

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Stop hydraulic fracturing in Boulder County

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Please follow the state and county "regulation" mentioned in the state constitution and county statement of mission/purpose to protect the rights of the citizens to their inalienable rights - to pursue happiness, to health. There are many creative ways to make it impossible for hydraulic fracturing to take place. The vast majority of citizens do not want hydraulic fracturing to take place - represent us! - Activate a grand jury in this matter! We need to pursue wind power and other clean & sustainable - non harming energy sources. We need to make decisions considering their future impact - not just the "near" or "immediate" future, but how these decisions will affect our great grandchildren - at least. Extend over & over - ban as soon as you can.

thank you

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I moved to this state to get away from the toxic environment caused by the oil & gas industry in Newark, NJ. The damage this business has caused to people's lives is not only ~~[illegible]~~ negligent - it is criminal. I do not trust this industry, in any way, to do any good for our communities. We must stop letting money over rule human lives! Though these fracking stations look benign, it is becoming known - they are not. Boulder prides itself as being 'Green' - But you cannot say that while benzene is in our air & all matter of toxins are eminating from these places. You must protect the residents, uphold our state constitution & ~~[illegible]~~ BAN FRACKING!! When an industry can tell ~~us~~ us we (use the backside if needed) can't do anything to stop them - we must band together & stop them - before it is too late!

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