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Hi. I'm a registered nurse. I've lived all over the nation. We fought fracking in Colorado as well because what I learned about fracking is even though this company is saying that they're going to have zero water pollution, from the studies I've read, that's actually not proven to be the case. From the long history of gas and oil companies, what I can say is that the environmental costs are huge, and especially in the communities where they operate. Apparently, they become cluster zones for increased rates of cancer, increased infertility, birth defects, lung diseases.

Of course, with this being a high earthquake zone, there's no guarantee that all that pollutant won't come out into the local waterways and air and just really toxify people. Of course, they would lose their houses, not to mention their health. I wanted to say to the people that are in the oil and gas industry, that I do appreciate that you do need a good-paying job, but now's the time when our country we have to evolve, we have to change and support more green industries that get our energy from other sources, perhaps carbon sequestration, alternative plastics.

In closing, I would like to finish this with a Native American comment. We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of the land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes the land, whatever he needs. The earth is not his brother, but his enemy, and when he has conquered it he moves on. He leaves his father's graves and his children birthright is forgotten. Thank you. Bye.