Richard Driscoll

As a former Supervisor of the Town of Newfield NY - which adopted a ban on heavy industrial activity - I admonished proponents and opponents that a ban is a tool to be used when necessary and that once it can be proven to the Town's satisfaction that this type of heavy industrial activity can be undertaken without damage to the Town's environment, its ecology, its health and safety, its economy, its finances, its well being, livelihood, its viewsheds, roadways, waterways, aquifers and air then the protective tool will no longer be needed and the Town ban can be lifted by legislative action according to the wishes of its residents. To date there is still no evidence that fracking can be undertaking without threat to these.

The Commission must adopt a ban until it can be determined that it is no longer needed and the Commission can rescind. Do not gamble with these dangerous uncertainties and endanger the citizens of the Basin's region. Thank you.