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Please do your research on fracking and you'll find crystal clear evidence that it's a pernicious practice that despoils land and water FOREVER. We cannot safely use any of the copious amounts of wastewater that fracking consumes due to the toxic cocktail produced by chemicals, solvents and radioactive elements left behind... all suspiciously hidden behind laws designed by corporations who understand that truth and transparency are their enemies. Crushing shale & injecting poisoned water back into the earth infects the interconnected water table and leads to unstable ground and, yes, earthquakes (just ask Oklahoma). It's all such a ridiculous trade-off to produce a fossil fuel which, itself, is jeopardizing our future on earth. Why can't we make smart and informed decisions, not influenced by monetary gain, to support renewable energies which will allow us to live lightly, responsibly and with less risk to our lives and (only) home? It's truly a scandal that public policy is routinely deformed by powerful interests at the expense of those living lives of integrity and care. Please do the only right thing. End fracking and don't enable any related practices that support this reckless, self-dealing and shameful extraction industry. Thank you for your wise stewardship.