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Governor Cuomo Heeds the Advice of Health and Environment Agencies and Bans Fracking in NY!

(Port Washington, NY) Today Grassroots Environmental Education joined with the millions of New Yorkers who are celebrating Governor Cuomo's decision today to ban fracking in New York. Over the past six years, Grassroots has developed multiple campaigns and initiatives to bring the science to the decision makers, including several meetings inside the Governors office with the nation's leading experts on the potential health impacts of hydraulic fracturing.

"Early on, Governor Cuomo pledged to make this momentous decision based on science, and he kept his word," said Patti Wood, Executive Director of Grassroots. "And even earlier on, former New York State Governor Patterson pushed the pause button and issued an executive order to *wait and see* on fracking. Today we thank both governors and to the many groups and science and health professionals who never let this critical issue lose it's urgency."

"Future generations of New Yorkers may marvel at our tenacity or just simply enjoy clean air, clean water and a safe food supply. Now we must take this victory and help our fellow Americans who live in states where their leaders have not yet made public health their number one priority."