

Testimony: SB0878 - Oil and Natural Gas - Hydraulic Fracturing - Authorization
Committee: Education, Energy, and Environment
Hearing Date: February 27, 2025
Position: OPPOSE

Dear Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee Members,

My name is Ronald Boyer and I am a resident of Garrett County. This letter is to express my very strong opposition to SB0878. I am requesting that you vote no on this bill.

The residents of Garrett County have been through this fight before. We chose to protect our region from the economic, environmental, and public health degradation that hydraulic fracturing for natural gas would cause in 2017. Now we have to defend ourselves from this threat again in 2025.

I was approached by 'land-men' from gas companies to sign a lease on my land. I refused even though, some of my neighbors had already signed leases. I was adamant not to live in an area that was open to fracking along with its noise, air, and water pollution, I literally decided to leave my home of 25 years and placed a deposit on property in Vermont. Fortunately the fracking ban was passed and I am still here in Garrett County.

So in conclusion, I urge you to vote NO on SB0878. The short term financial gain of a few is far out-weighed by the long term costs to every Marylander in remediation of the economic, environmental, and health damage that hydraulic fracturing for natural gas will create.

Thank you,

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