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**THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
*of New York State*

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF:**  
*S.05592 / Carlucci*

**DATE: JUNE 15, 2011**

**SUBJECT: *Suspends hydraulic fracturing; and provides for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof***

*The League of Women Voters of New York State strongly supports the above referenced legislation (S.05592) because it would suspend the issuance of permits for hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus and Utica shale deposits while New York awaits the results of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study of the effects of hydraulic fracturing on water quality and public health. This delay could improve the way drilling will be done and avoid potentially serious public health and environmental damage to our citizens and the state and its economy.*

Of special concern is recent research by Dr. Tracy Bank of the University of Buffalo, which indicates that the Marcellus has higher than normal levels of uranium, some of which has bonded chemically with the gas to be extracted.. This research is publicized at <http://www.buffalo.edu/news/11885> and is mentioned in a recent letter submitted by the League to Commissioner Joseph Martens of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The League of Women Voters of New York State has had positions for many years that urge vigilance with respect to protecting water quality and public health.

***For the above reasons, the League of Women Voters of New York State strongly urges your support for S05592.***