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To the MT Board of Oil and Gas Conservation:

Conclusive studies have shown a link between fracking activities and groundwater pollution.

The MT constitution has provided the people of MT with the right to a clean and healthful environment, including clean water supplies.

Unfortunately, your Board has failed to fully protect the public interest with respect to fracking fluid contamination of groundwater.

While it is good that you, as a Board, have begun the process of rulemaking with respect to fracking fluids, it is bad that rules you have developed are useless for the citizens of this state with respect to our right to clean water supplies.

The 'trade secret' loophole that does not even include an independent reviewer of what might amount to a 'trade secret' is ludicrous.

Citizens need the right to know what is in the fracking fluids BEFORE fracking occurs, so they can prepare baseline testing of their water supplies.

I am asking you to adopt a rule that would require operators to disclose all chemical ingredients of fracking fluids that have not been verified by an INDEPENDENT reviewer BEFORE fracking can occur. The 'trade secrets' loophole must be closed.

If Wyoming citizens can get these protections, why can't Montana citizens have this protection?

Sincerely,

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