

## **GOAT Noat for January: Keep fracking out of Maryland**

Not only does hydraulic natural gas extraction (fracking) contribute to climate change, it threatens the physical and economic health of communities and contaminates sources of drinking water at every stage of the process. New regulations that permit fracking in Maryland are due to go into effect in October 2017. Governor Hogan supports fracking while 56% of Maryland registered voters oppose it. The only way to stop fracking in Maryland is for the Maryland legislature to enact a fracking ban/moratorium during this upcoming legislative session which begins on January 11.

Senator Joan Carter Conway (D-43) is the chair of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs committee. When the Maryland legislative session begins, she will decide whether the bill to ban fracking ever comes to a vote in her committee. She could kill it, and it looks like that's what she might do. Here are five things you can do to help prevent that, **especially if you live in District 43**. Use [mdpgis.mdp.state.md.us/Legis\\_District](http://mdpgis.mdp.state.md.us/Legis_District) to see exactly where District 43 is. Search if an address is located in the district at [www.MDElect.Net](http://www.MDElect.Net).

1. **Let us know you're interested in participating in a meeting with Sen. Conway.** Date and time to be determined. Contact Polly ([peh616@msn.com](mailto:peh616@msn.com), 410-366-8360).
2. Follow [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc37NioGHYEuEXhIQTqMzVtPDIUF0PYSXAF7nOUS6NcUnsB2Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc37NioGHYEuEXhIQTqMzVtPDIUF0PYSXAF7nOUS6NcUnsB2Q/viewform) and **pick a day in January when you will call Sen. Conway**. If you are unsure what to say, feel free to use this language from the Chesapeake Climate Action Network:  
  
*"As [a resident of your district and] a Marylander who stands for clean air and water, healthy children, and a safe climate, I urge you to put a permanent, statewide ban on fracking. A permanent ban on fracking is the only fail-safe way to protect our communities and climate from this risky drilling practice. By banning fracking, we can focus on the clean energy solutions that will sustain and strengthen -- rather than divide and pollute -- our communities."*
3. **Forward [the link](#) to at least 3 friends** who live in district 43 and follow-up with a phone call urging them to pick a day to call Senator Conway.
4. Learn more and **sign a petition** supporting a permanent ban on fracking in Maryland: [org.salsalabs.com/o/423/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action\\_KEY=18084](http://org.salsalabs.com/o/423/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=18084)
5. **Join the *ad hoc* Baltimore Quaker Fracking Workgroup**. Same contact as #2. Thank you for your time and effort in keeping Maryland waters safe to drink and our planet safer. Your action today will make a difference for generations to come. And thank you to the *ad hoc* Baltimore Quaker Fracking Workgroup for most of the information in this GOAT Noat.

For more information speak with John McKusick, Gary Gillespie, Carol Beck, Kevin-Douglas Olive, or Polly Heninger of the Green Organizing/Action Team (GOAT).