

## **Statement Regarding Senator Pavley's SB 4 Fracking Bill:**

The fight to protect California from fracking has reached a critical juncture. But Senate Bill 4's effort to fill the legislative void on this dangerous practice is insufficient to protect our state, our people and our climate from the myriad dangers posed by fracking.

While Senator Fran Pavley has been a strong champion on environmental issues in California, her bill, SB 4, would allow fracking operations to permanently pollute vast quantities of California's precious water, which is used in fracking, to haul toxic chemicals through our communities, to create dangerous air pollution, and to generate catastrophic amounts of planet-warming climate pollution caused by extracting and burning dirty oil.

We understand the desire to pass new legislation, given the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources' appalling track record of ignoring the dangers posed by fracking. But with drought, wildfires and polluted air already serious threats in our state, it makes no sense to escalate the climate crisis and toxic pollution by fracking California for shale oil. And by perpetuating the supply of fossil fuels we know to be too dangerous and polluting, we undercut California's growing renewable energy economy. Even the strongest regulations proposed for fracking would not solve the fundamental problems fracking poses for California.

The truth is that there is no proven way to protect California from fracking besides prohibiting this inherently dangerous practice. Regulations won't stop the fracking industry from poisoning our air, water and soil, or from jeopardizing our climate with carbon and methane pollution. And disposal of fracking wastewater in injection wells will continue to increase seismic risks in our earthquake-prone state.

As polling shows, there is widespread opposition to fracking among Californians and momentum is building for a moratorium on fracking. Anything less is reckless and unacceptable. That's why we are calling on Governor Brown to impose an immediate moratorium on fracking in California.

## **Signed by:**

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