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STATEMENT FROM SENATOR TONY AVELLA REGARDING GOVERNOR CUOMO'S COMMENTS ON THE POTENTIAL RELEASE OF THE STATE'S REPORT ON HYDROFRACKING

"I completely agree with Governor Cuomo's comments today that with the potential release of the State's report on hydrofracking that the focus of the debate should be on the 'science.' I believe that once the Governor takes a good look at the science involved in hydrofracking he will see that the science clearly shows that hydrofracking is an extremely dangerous drilling practice.

That is why I have urged the Governor to conduct health and seismological studies before any drilling is allowed. At the very least, there needs to be a real plan to deal with the hazardous waste water created by this practice. I have urged the Governor to support legislation that I introduced (S.4616) in the Senate that would require hazardous wastes produced from oil and natural gas activities to be subject to the requirements for treatment of hazardous wastes.

The Governor is right, this is not a political battle. It is a battle to protect the health and safety of millions of New Yorkers. Once these studies are conducted, it will be readily apparent that the science is on our side to ban hydrofracking in our State."