

Another argument against passing the FRAC Act is the air pollution caused by the hydraulic fracturing process, those in favor of passing this Act to limit fracking argue that the practice of hydraulic-fracturing releases many greenhouse gases and toxins into the air. Air pollutants given off by fracking and the use of natural gas include harmful organic compounds, sulfur oxide, methane gas, well-head benzene, and more (Frack Action). These increase the risk of cancer and increase the number and intensity of asthma cases, respiratory illnesses, and other air related health issues (Frack Action). Supporters of passing the Act also argue that gases like methane, are leaking through above ground pipes into the atmosphere adding to the already prominent greenhouse gases. All of these can be helped through stricter regulations within the Fracking industry, and the industry is committed to improving air quality as well as meeting energy demands for our nation (Environment, Health, and Safety).

Continuing to let the hydraulic-fracturing industry go on without any limitation or disclosure of chemicals allows the industry itself to grow which promotes values such as economic security, environmentalism, and prosperity, both in the economy and in our domestic energy supply. Creating an energy industry like the Natural-gas industry and allowing it to flourish pave the way for reducing dependence on foreign energy, thus creating a domestic supply. As stated previously, a domestic production of natural-gas will lower the price and create a more stable energy supply (Shale Gas). Natural-gas is a stepping stone resource, and hydraulic-fracturing is the most efficient way to extract it. It is a cleaner-burning fuel than coal or oil, and it is a transitional energy source paving the way to more sustainable sources.

Those in the natural-gas industry as with any energy industry have an obligation to provide a stable supply of energy to our country. Many researchers, scientists, engineers, etc. believe that natural-gas is the next best energy source due to it being a cleaner burning fuel than the other fossil fuels, and it having a higher net energy yield than the traditional alternative energy sources. It is because of this that they continue to produce natural-gas through fracking processes, despite some public outcry they continue to do so. Those in the industry also feel obligated to do their best to be environmentally