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Hinchey: Natural Gas Drilling Needs Federal Regulation

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Binghamton, NY (WBNG Binghamton) Natural gas drilling needs to be federally regulated, according to Congressman Maurice Hinchey.

The Democrat spoke with the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce this afternoon on the economic impact of natural gas drilling.

He's pushing for Federal, rather than state regulation on hydrofracking.

As federal regulation would force drilling companies to release the chemicals they use in the drilling process.

"If you're going to inject chemicals into the ground for the context of drilling or whatever else you're putting into the ground, you should have honesty and the reality to just talk about it, to make it clear what you're putting into the ground," said Hinchey, who represents the 22 Congressional District in New York State.

Natural gas drilling is on hold in New York-- until new state regulations are approved.