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N.Y. lawmaker should stay out of Pa. drilling

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This is a note to Ithaca Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, whose negative statements about Pennsylvania gas drilling problems appeared in the fracking moratorium article on Aug. 23.

I reside in Jackson Township, just over the New York-Pennsylvania border where drilling for gas is in full effect. In the southwestern part of the township where I reside, there are at least nine wells in the process of being drilled within a 3-mile radius of my home and I have yet to hear of any major problems. I bet the New York state assemblywoman could tour this area and not even find these wells.

The farmlands don't look much different. The corn and hay fields are growing and green around these well sites despite the lack of rain this year. The roads are being repaired better than they were. I see barn roofs being repaired, houses being remodeled, and newer cars, trucks and machinery appearing in the yards — probably partially financed with gas lease and royalty money.

Assemblywoman Lifton must have more to do with her political agenda in an almost-bankrupt New York than to make statements about something that she knows little about. She should be working in her state to fix the economy, lower taxes, better the education system and lower some of the high costs. She should stay out of our gas drilling business here in Pennsylvania — we are doing just fine.

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