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Ohio Oil and Gas Association Statement on Quinnipiac Poll

From Thomas E. Stewart, executive vice president of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association:

The Quinnipiac poll about Ohioans' attitudes toward drilling and hydraulic fracturing exemplifies the continuing confusion about oil and gas development in the state.

While an astounding 85 percent of respondents acknowledge the job-creating power and positive economic impact oil and gas exploration and development will have on Ohio, 72 percent think it's a good idea to halt hydraulic fracturing in the state until further study. Ohio can't have it both ways.

A ban on hydraulic fracturing would result in increased energy costs and bring oil-and-gas related capital investment and job growth in Ohio to a grinding halt, just as the positive effects of both are currently reviving once-struggling communities throughout the state.

Why the disparity between the desire for jobs and the fear of hydraulic fracturing? The blame can be firmly placed on the shoulders of the very vocal oil-and-gas opposition who have used scare tactics and misinformation to keep the public from getting the facts and knowing the truth. Hydraulic fracturing has been used safely for more than 60 years and on more than 80,000 wells in Ohio. It's effective, safe and a vital key to Ohio's economic resurgence and America's energy security.

About the Ohio Oil and Gas Association

The Ohio Oil and Gas Association is a trade association with more than 1,900 members involved in the exploration, production and development of crude oil and natural gas resources within the state of Ohio.

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