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**NY LANDOWNERS URGE GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT IN 2013**

**BINGHAMTON –**NY landowners including farmers, retired schoolteachers, construction workers and small business owners today traveled to Albany to signal urgency for moving ahead with natural gas development to Governor Cuomo as he readies his State of the State address and prepares to lay out his economic agenda for 2013. The landowners, who represent the Joint Landowners Coalition of NY (JLCNY), which includes 77,000 people with over one million unleased acres, are calling on the state to move forward with safe and responsible shale gas development to improve NY's environment and economy, and to bring closure to a four-year environmental review process characterized by numerous delays and missed deadlines.

"We are hardworking taxpayers of NY state and we need the benefits natural gas brings: jobs, cleaner air, lower heating bills and energy independence," said Dan Fitzsimmons, president of the JLCNY, lifelong Binghamton/Conklin resident. "Every state with natural gas in America except NY is developing it and reaping the environmental and economic benefits."

Citing numerous studies and internal documents from the NYS Department of Health, the JLCNY will remind those in Albany that enough time and taxpayer money has been wasted and that it's time to bring the process to an end and release rigorous regulations that will promote cleaner air and spur the upstate economy.

**About The Joint Landowners Coalition of New York** *The mission of The Joint Landowners Coalition of New York (JLCNY) is to foster, promote, advance and protect the common interest of the people as it pertains to natural gas development though education and best environmental practices. JLCNY gathers and provides factual, objective information about safe and responsible natural gas development to landowners and community members.*