



Dear Citizens of the United Kingdom,

Do you know that your country is blessed with an incredible gift?

It's shale gas – natural gas trapped in layers of shale rock deep below the surface of the earth. It's always been there, but it's only recently that industry has figured out how to get to it.

The British Geological Survey has recently released new shale gas estimates considerably higher than former estimates. This is fantastic news for the UK – especially in the wake of a near-catastrophic gas shortage last winter, and as resources in the North Sea are on the decline.

This means:

- Decades worth of natural gas
- Thousands of jobs
- Millions of pounds in tax revenues to support social and other government programs
- Freedom from interruptions and stoppages as a result of Russia's political games with your gas supply
- Lowering energy prices for millions
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by replacing coal with natural gas for energy

Yet, there is a very noisy minority of folks who are fighting efforts to develop the UK's shale gas resources, putting the UK's future prosperity at risk. Driven by misguided beliefs and twisted science, these opponents are focusing on one controversial practice involved in extracting oil and natural gas from shale: hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking".

My hope is that you, the people of this great kingdom, will see through the hype and the drama by keeping an open mind and to hearing the truth about fracking.

As you can see from the address at the end of this letter, I am a Texas oil and gas man. As such, I am interested in joint venture opportunities in the UK and elsewhere. So, yes, I could benefit from fracking in the UK, but that's not my sole reason for writing to you. My company currently has no commercial interests in the UK, but it is in the best interest of my country to promote greater energy independence among our allies, so I make no apology for wanting to get involved and share our expertise. My experience in the industry gives me an insight that I think you can benefit from hearing.

Fracking is going on under my own home, my whole town and much of my home state. We're surrounded by thousands of fracked oil and gas wells, and my family and I drink the water every day. If I thought it was unsafe, I would not be living on top of it. Fracking is taking place all over the United States – under universities, churches and airports – and the US is experiencing an economic rebound because of it.

The US has laid all the groundwork, with decades of research and hands-on experience. Our Environmental Protection Agency has completed three separate studies of fracking. Not one of those studies found water contamination or human and livestock concerns due to fracking. There have been many more studies, by other government agencies, universities and environmental groups that reached the same conclusions.

Here's the truth: fracking is safe when properly regulated. And the UK, after carefully studying the research and America's track record with fracking, is already on top of the "properly regulated" part, with some of the most stringent regulations in the world.

I urge all citizens and government officials of the UK to ignore the scaremongering and get behind fracking, for the sake of your future energy security and your economy.

Thanks for hearing me out.

Highest regards,



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