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Angier, NC – July 26, 2014 – The Joe Langley for NC Senate Campaign is demanding more information from Senator Rabin after attending last Thursday night's fracking meeting held at the Angier Elementary school. Senator Rabin turned to Jim Womack, Chairman of the Mining and Energy Commission, to calm down the mounting concerns of the residents of Harnett, Lee and Johnston counties regarding the dangers of fracking. Of particular interest to Langley was Womack's admission that cancer-causing chemicals are used in fracking. When asked to disclose the names of the chemicals used in the fracking mixture, Womack stated that disclosure of the names could not always take place because some of these chemicals are protected by trade secret laws.

In response, the Langley campaign issued a statement asserting, "The citizens of North Carolina have a right to know the names of all chemicals that are being injected into the ground under their backyards, especially when we are told that these unknown chemicals may cause cancer. Senator Rabin and Mr. Womack's use of secrecy to deny us this information is both disappointing and inconsistent with our expectations of our elected officials."

Fracking is proposed to take place in Lee County less than five (5) miles from the Cape Fear River.

"It is important to remember that the Cape Fear River supplies 24% of the drinking water for North Carolina," Langley said. "This does not include the thousands of individuals who still get their drinking water from wells who may also be affected."

Langley was also concerned that many of the written questions of those in attendance were not answered because the meeting was concluded promptly at 9:00PM. He urged Senator Rabin to schedule another forum saying, "For the purpose of open government, which you say you support, please schedule a follow-up fracking forum as soon as possible. This time I would suggest that Senator Rabin do an actual Town Hall Meeting where he allows concerned constituents to speak freely. Senator Rabin may wish to begin the forum by answering all of the questions that you failed to answer in last Thursday's forum."

Also, perhaps the Senator may wish to consider a different location for the forum. It would seem that the best location for the forum would be Sanford in Lee County where the fracking is proposed to take place."

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