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"FRACKDOWN" HELD AT THE OKLAHOMA CAPITOL TODAY

Oklahoma City, OK – October 10, 2014 – Chad Warmington, President of Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association, commented on the “Frackdown” held at the Capitol today, “Let’s be clear about the objective of these groups: shutting down oil and gas production in America at all costs and putting thousands of hard-working Oklahomans out of work.”

Food & Water Watch is one of the most active and extreme groups in the country pushing junk science and outright deception in their quest to end oil and gas production in America. Just this week several of these groups attacked the Susan G. Koman foundation for partnering with Baker Hughes to fund cancer research. Even though time, and time again, the research has shown there is absolutely no truth to the claim that fracking increases the risk of cancer, these organizations continue to push this type of shameful claim, as can be seen in Food & Water Watch's report released today.

In order to ensure the continued success of the Oklahoma led American energy renaissance, we need to engage in honest and scientifically fact-based dialogue. That is exactly the effort that Governor Mary Fallin and Secretary of Energy & Environment Michael Teague are leading with the Coordinating Council on Seismic Activity. The oil and gas industry has been actively engaged in a collaborative process with Oklahoma’s regulatory agencies to scientifically study the increase in seismic activity in our state.

He concluded, “As always, we in Oklahoma are doing just fine working together to find fact-based answers to ensure all Oklahomans’ safety. We don’t need fear mongering and intellectually dishonest groups based out of D.C. and New York City proposing ridiculous solutions to accomplish their ultimate goal of ending oil and gas production in America.”

Background: The use of east coast anti-fracking groups to help pass presumably “local” drilling bans is becoming more frequent. In Colorado, Food & Water Watch helped fund activist groups with local-sounding names. In fact, Yoko Ono and other celebrities with Artists Against Fracking helped establish “Frack Free Colorado” in order to push “local” campaigns to ban fracking and drilling.

EnergyInDepth reports that in another instance, “Erie Rising,” named for the Colorado town the group supposedly represents, presented an anti-natural gas petition showing 21,000 citizens opposed to development. The group, which is actually a front for D.C.-based Food & Water Watch, had actually only gathered about 1,000 signatures from inside Colorado. Several thousand weren’t even from the U.S.

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