I am not in favor of permitting drilling for natural gas in the Catskills, which happens to be the location of the watershed that supplies New York City with its water. Natural gas drilling will devastate the area with pollution of the air, water, and land, displace or kill animals and sap local water resources. The benefits of gas drilling are minimal compared with the huge problems that would be created. Allowing drilling would also be bad news for New Yorkers, as it will negatively impact the quality of our water. The decision to allow drilling is short-sighted and irresponsible.