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In Iowa ad, left warns Andrew Cuomo on fracking

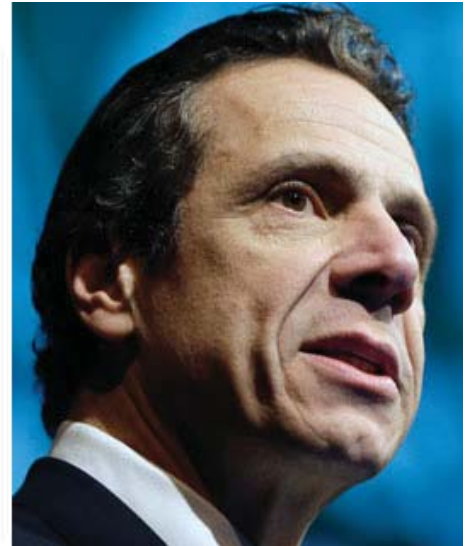
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New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's critics who want him to stop fracking in his state are hitting him where it could hurt — Iowa.

More than 135 groups are banding together to take out a full-page ad in the Des Moines Register tomorrow, slamming Cuomo in advance of his decision in the coming days about whether to approve fracking regulations in the Empire State.

Cuomo has come under fire from liberals and environmentalists over potentially permitting hydrofracking, which involves drilling for shale gas, in New York at a time when he is widely seen as looking to run for president in 2016.

The ad features three words in World War III-style boldface type, reading, "NOT ONE WELL."



Environmental activists want Gov. Cuomo to halt the fracking in his state. / AP Photo

Below, it says, "Governor Cuomo, America is looking to you. Don't allow a single fracked shale gas well in New York. This is your chance to be a national leader on climate. Your choice now will be remembered forever."

The ad is intended to serve as a reminder to Cuomo that he could face more criticism from the left if he does indeed run for president, depending on what he decides.

After criticism from commentators on the Daily Kos website and MSNBC's Chris Hayes, Cuomo delivered a State of the State address recently that read like a wish list for the Democratic base