

Written Testimony of Martha Kelly  
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In Opposition to Raised Bill 6531 An Act Preserving And Retaining the Environmental Benefits of In-State  
Resources Recovery Facilities

I strongly oppose any economic subsidy to polluting and increasingly uneconomic trash incinerators.

I live in Hartford, the home of CRRA's Mid-Connecticut Project. In the Year ending in June 2012, this facility burned on average four and a half million pounds of trash a day in the South Meadows.

Trash is an even dirtier fuel than coal as it contains a hodge podge of discarded products that may contain mercury, lead, cadmium, PVC, BPA, and other toxins. A draft Air Quality permit for this facility in August 2012 proposed to allow it emit up to .48 tons of lead into our air annually.

I urge the Energy Committee not to pervert the state's energy policy in order to prop up a failed solid waste policy.

Recycling and reuse create many more jobs than do incinerators and deserve incentives more.

As a society we will preserve the earth's stores of fossil fuels and improve Connecticut's economy more by leaving behind the cult of single use products and embracing redesign of items and appliances that can be repaired and reused.

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