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**Testimony in support of HB 5038 AAC The Regulation of Fracking Waste and SB 237 AA Prohibiting the Storage or Disposal of Fracking Waste in Connecticut**

Good afternoon Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and distinguished members of the Environment Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I speak in support of HB 5038 with conditions and in full support of SB 237 An Act Prohibiting the Storage or Disposal of Fracking Waste in Connecticut.

My name is Anne Hulick, and I am the Co-Director of CT Clean Water Action and the Coordinator of the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut (Coalition). I am also a nurse with many years of experience in environmental health. The Coalition is a large advocacy organization comprised of over fifty-five member organizations of health professionals, environmental justice advocates, labor groups, public health professionals, environmental experts, faith based groups, scientists and many individuals across Connecticut that are concerned about the growing body of research linking exposure to toxic chemicals with the rise in serious diseases. Toxic chemical exposure from fracking waste is a serious public health and environmental issue and one we can and should control.

The Coalition supports HB 5038 to authorize the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to regulate fracking waste as a hazardous substance. However, we strongly believe that the better option is to prohibit fracking waste from entering Connecticut altogether.

We appreciate the intent of HB 5038 to close the regulatory loophole that allows fracking waste to be considered industrial waste as opposed to hazardous waste, however DEEP has limited resources and capacity to track and monitor the disposition of fracking waste in Connecticut. We should not place this additional burden on them. Additionally, even if CT does consider fracking waste a hazardous substance, the many risks that come from just the transportation and disposal of the waste poses a serious risk to the health of citizens and the environment that clearly outweighs any benefits from disposing it here.

Fracking waste is reported to contain many toxic chemicals that are carcinogenic, neurotoxic and disruptive to the endocrine system. They can also be contaminated with high levels of radiation. Clean Water Action strongly believes that the risks of transporting and disposing of fracking waste, despite any short-term perceived gains, is ill-advised. Spills, leaks or accidents expose passengers on



our roads and the particles in the waste can also become airborne, traveling long distances and inhaled. Fracking waste spills can contaminate our waterways and impact wildlife. Connecticut's natural resources are a vital part of our state's identity and economy and must be protected. I urge you to support SB 237 to prohibit fracking waste from entering Connecticut.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne B. Hulick".

Anne Hulick