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Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and members of the Environment Committee

I am writing on behalf of the 800 members of CT NOFA, the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut, to support **SB-237** to ban the importation, storage and treatment of toxic and radioactive fracking wastes in Connecticut.

The Connecticut environment has more than enough problems with the toxic substances left from past mistakes.

We need to protect the environment from dangerous contamination by these waste products from a secretive and toxic industry.

If this ban on fracking wastes slows down the rush to extract gas from the earth, that will head us in the direction of controlling climate change.

If this ban slows down the environmental destruction of horizontal fracturing in beautiful rural and agricultural areas of Pennsylvania, that is good for our farmer colleagues in that state.

We stand with our farmer colleagues in NY in supporting a ban on fracking there.

Any jobs fracking waste treatment might bring to Connecticut will be dangerous and unhealthful.

One of the major uses of natural gas is to create the chemical nitrogen fertilizer which is so problematic in the soil, for the climate and in our estuaries. Organic farmers use cover crops, crop rotations, compost and naturally occurring materials instead of chemical fertilizers. Organic farming works on farms of all sizes.

Banning importation, storage and treatment of fracking wastes is an important step in protecting our environment and heading us in the direction of a healthy and sustainable future.

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