

Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and Members of the Environment Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 237 legislation that will prohibit the storage or disposal of Fracking waste in Connecticut. I am a native of Pennsylvania and still have family there. From them, I have first hand knowledge of the dangers of fracking and its impact on the environment, especially water quality. The process of extracting natural gas by using water and a cocktail of chemicals to fracture open tight seams in underground rock formations where natural gas is held yields gallons of contaminated water combined with the original toxic chemicals (including carcinogens), radioactive materials, metals, and intense concentrations of salts.

Treatment of this water may yield a harmful brine and a sludge. Disposing of this waste safely is a complex problem not yet solved (or possibly not solvable). Especially in this case, prevention is the best way forward. Once the door is open, it will be very difficult to close it. Please support this legislation that will keep this waste out of Connecticut and protect our health and the environment.

Respectfully,

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