

Written testimony of Judi Friedman, chairperson of PACE (PEOPLE'S ACTION FOR CLEAN ENERGY) before the Connecticut Gen. Assembly Environment Committee on February 28, 2014

WRITTEN TESTIMONY CONCERNING SENATE BILL 237 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE STORAGE OR DISPOSAL OF FRACKING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you very much for your work to help protect the precious environment of our beautiful state. One of the most treasured aspects of our state is our water. The rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes that dot the landscape make our state very special. As we watch Western states struggle with drought issues and we learn about West Virginia's poisoned river we appreciate our water resource even more. Without clean water we cannot flourish and survive.

I am appalled by the stories of fracking waste. To risk hurting our precious water resources with toxic and radioactive substances seems criminal to me. Dilution does not solve pollution. And the members of our organization feel very very strongly that fracking waste should not be stored or disposed of in Connecticut. I speak for hundreds of people.

Thank you for listening and reflecting. I trust in your wisdom and long-term view.

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