

Testimony of Shirley McCarthy, MD, PhD
Before the Environment Committee
Regarding S.B. 237 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE STORAGE OR DISPOSAL OF
FRACKING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT
H.B. 5308 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FRACKING WASTE
H.B. 5307 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF BOOMS FOR THE RETENTION OF
CERTAIN OILS OR PETROLEUM AND REVISING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE REGISTRATION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

Submitted by Shirley McCarthy February 27, 2013

Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, and members of the Committee, Thank you for the opportunity to comment

These 3 bills have important consequences in protecting Long Island Sound and our groundwater from toxic chemicals and petroleum products.

I support SB 237 and HB 5308, which protect our state from becoming a disposal site for unregulated hydrofracking waste.

I oppose HB 5307, which would endanger our coasts and harbors to oil and gas spills.

There is no science on the short and long term consequences of hydrofracking. It makes sense that fault lines and ground water are impacted by this technique; only time will tell. In the mean time, CT should protect its citizens, wildlife and geography from this destructive technique and its toxic wastes. Similarly, Long Island Sound is a great resource for non human animals too which must be protected from toxic oil and gas spills. CT is not a dumping ground!!!!

Please support SB 237's ban on fracking waste and HB 5308's closing of the hazardous waste loophole, and please oppose HB 5307's weakening of protection against oil spills.

Thank you, Shirley McCarthy, MD, PhD
Professor Yale School of Medicine
16 Rockland Park, Branford, CT 06405
Shirley.McCarthy@yale.edu