

Testimony of Edwin Matthews

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

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Senator Meyer, Representative

Gentile, and members of the Committee,

As a resident of Connecticut, I appreciate the

opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 237,

House Bill 5308, and House Bill 5307. All three bills have important implications for our ability to protect
Long Island Sound and

our groundwater from toxic chemicals and petroleum products.

I support

SB 237 and HB 5308,

which would

prevent

Connecticut from becoming a disposal site

for unregulated hydrofracking

waste.

I oppose HB 5307, which

would expose

our harbors to

preventable oil and gas spills.

These harbors are already impaired by pollution and are our precious resource. They should be protected
from further impairment.

Fracking requires the use of large quantities of hazardous chemicals that the gas companies have
refused to identify or subject to oversight by states where they are used. The consequences of their use
and storage are potentially harmful to our precious water. Until they are fully identified and disclosed and
demonstrated by reliable science to be safe, they should not be used or stored in Connecticut, nor
anywhere else in America.

Respectfully, Edwin Matthews, 218 Bee Brook Road, Washington, CT 06794