

## Testimony of Lynette Dimock 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,

Thank you for 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.

My drinking water, along with many families in Connecticut, comes from a well. Our groundwater should not be put at risk to give companies from other states a means to dispose of undesirable fracking waste. SB 237, AA Prohibiting the Storage or Disposal of Fracking Waste in Connecticut, is a sensible measure to protect Connecticut from contamination by toxic hydrofracking fluid.

HB 5308, AAC the Regulation of Fracking Waste, would classify toxic fracking fluid as hazardous waste, closing a loophole in federal law that has allowed it to remain unregulated here in Connecticut. This bill combined with bill SB 237 is an important step in protecting Connecticut's drinking water as well as Long Island Sound and preventing our state from becoming a dumping ground for toxic waste.

Long Island Sound is an important marine environment that should be protected at the highest level. The current requirement to put floatable booms around the transfer area to contain any spills while ships are loading or offloading oils and other petroleum products is an important measure in keeping the Sound's water and wildlife protected.

HB 5307, AAC the Use of Booms for the Retention of Certain Oils, would eliminate this requirement, putting natural resources at unnecessary risk. A spill would be catastrophic to this unique environment.

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 for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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