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Before the Energy & Technology Committee regarding HB5409 _AN ACT
CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE

Dear members Senator Duff and Representative Reed and members of the
Energy and Technology Committee,

My name is Alexandra Ferreira. I am submitting testimony for bill
HB5409 _ AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE.
While HB5409 is a step in the right direction, it requires more and
comprehensive and inclusive language in order to protect the health
and safety of Connecticut residents.

Simply classifying fracking waste as hazardous is insufficient. As a
concerned and active citizen of this state I am here to encourage you
to support bill SB237 instead. This bill BANS all fracking waste from
Connecticut in the first place.

HB5409 is not enough to guarantee a viable future for our state. The
bill should also include language that prohibits the procurement,
acquisition, possession, storage, treatment, processing, application or
disposal of all treated or untreated oil and gas drilling waste
byproducts and their constituents for any purpose in the State of
Connecticut.

And let me remind this committee also that fracking waste from out of
state includes dangerous combinations of, hazardous chemicals, high
levels of naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORMs) and brine,
a substance that corrodes sewage infrastructures and threatens the
health of local freshwater ecosystems. Do we really want to bring
such dangerous materials into our state?

No matter what safeguards are put in place, spills, leaks and accidents
are bound to happen and these will expose our population to
dangerous radioactive substances that will eventually contaminate our
waters, residential areas, school properties and farmlands. It is not in
our best interest to allow such substance to enter our state.

**Please, do not let Connecticut become the dumping ground for
out of state Fracking Waste. SUPPORT SB237.**