

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

Originally from Syracuse, NY, I have had several years to educate myself on the cradle to grave cycle of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and its effects on public health, the environment and the economy. It is my belief that the allowing out- of-state fracking waste without assesment and regulation will be detrimental to the welfare of the Connecticut and its people.

Although Connecticut has massively expanded on our use of natural gas, we are not obligated to become a dumping ground for the oil and gas industry. Hazardous waste from out-of-state fracking operations can include hazardous chemicals, including several known carcinogens, as well as radioactive materials that are linked to bone, liver and breast cancer. Without supervision from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, toxic fracking waste from out-of-state drilling operations could potentially be trucked through our communities, sent to our sewage treatment plants, and disposed of unsafely.

Please accept this as my formal written testimony in support of HB-5409 - An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste. While it is my opinion that passing HB-5409 is a step in the right direction for Connecticut, we will soon need stronger legislation to keep this out-of-state waste from our state. I respectfully urge you to protect our state's water resources and public health by passing legislation which will require DEEP to oversee the transporation, treatment and disposal of hazardous fracking waste in Connecticut.

I look forward to your response as to how you intend on addressing the issue. You may either e-mail me at kmpellizzari@gmail.com or send a letter to:

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I am a concerned citizen and registered voter. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Kind regards,
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