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Testimony for the Energy & Technology Committee
In opposition to HB 6985-***AN ACT INCREASING NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION CAPACITY.***

Testimony for the Energy & Technology Committee
We, the citizens of CT, should not encourage fracked gas development when we can power our state with renewable energy. Furthermore subsidize the highly profitable gas industry by allowing them to stick the tax payers with the bill for their costs of doing business.
As we have seen from the many failures of pipelines, earthquakes from extraction, and air pollution from every stage of fracked gas business, the gas industry is dangerous and subject to interruption. Gas service can be interrupted by storms, earthquakes, or just regular degradation of time. It can also be deadly of the gas is leaked into you home or the pressure caused a flammable gas to explode taking buildings and lives with it. We saw this recently when a West Virginia pipeline exploded in January of 2015 and several years ago when the Kleen Energy plant exploded in Middletown, CT killing 6 workers. This makes the business risky and expensive. Although the cost is currently less than oil, that has not been the case historically and since the price is determined on the worldwide market it cannot be guaranteed to be lower in the future.
With all these risks, it is not surprising that the companies who are fracking oil out of Pennsylvania want a guaranteed way to recoup their costs. However it is not up to the citizens of CT to provide it to them. If they want to be in the business of transporting and selling fossil fuels they should be willing to accept the costs and risks of doing business. We already shoulder the cost their pipeline failures, the medical cost of polluted air and the price they force us to pay for energy. We should not have to pay them to build their facilities.
Given all these reasons we should not be encouraging fracked gas in CT. We should be using all our energy resources to transition to renewable energy as outlined by Professor Mark Jacobson of Stamford University. His research shows that we can provide all our energy needs with renewable energy from the sun, the wind and the water(wave & micro hydro). This is what we should be supporting. Therefore I ask you to reject HB 6985 and focus on a clean energy future.

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