

March 10, 2017

Attn: Environment Committee

Re: H.B. # 6329 an Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in CT

Dear Chair and Senator Kennedy and Chair and Senator Miner and other members of the Committee:

Thank you for your foresight in seeking to protect the citizens of CT from the health consequences of exposure to the contents of fracking waste. Unborn children and the elderly are often most vulnerable to the impact of environmental hazards such as those present in fracking waste.

As a physician I lived through the deceitful practices and tantrums of the tobacco industry as they complained of the "lack of proof" of the dangers of tobacco. I witnessed firsthand the manipulative practices of corporate managers and executives as they sought to avoid dealing with the necessary changes when it became clear that second hand smoke was harmful. The list of dangerous substances present in fracking waste is long, as is the list of health impairments and conditions that may result from exposure. The American Cancer Society and numerous others have written extensively about these risks.

You are fortunate to be in the position of preventing the consequences of fracking waste exposure instead of being asked for funding to deal with the aftermath.

Thank you for your consideration. Please approve H.B. 6329.

Sincere regards,

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