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Dear Senators Kennedy and Miner, Representative Demicco, and Members of the Environment Committee,

I am submitting this letter in favor of proposed Bill 6329, to prevent waste generated from fracking from being transported and stored in Connecticut. I fully support such this legislation as a way to create a legal prohibition to fracking and its waste by-products in our State. Although the Legislature previously passed a moratorium it is now time to make existing legislation permanent.

In 2014 the Legislature passed Public Act 14-200 (CGS Section 22a-472(a)-(g)), which established a "moratorium" on certain activities associated with the storage of fracking waste in CT. The moratorium lasts until DEEP adopts regulations to control fracking waste as hazardous waste. If DEEP does not adopt regulations the moratorium remains.

There were many of us in the Legislature who wanted an outright ban of fracking waste. The moratorium was the best we could do at that time.

Ordinances have been passed by some twelve municipalities which have strengthened the proscription against fracking waste, making local laws more enforceable especially given the uncertain nature of the State law as a moratorium only. However, now is the time for the Legislature to send a clear signal to our residents that we are prepared to enact a permanent ban to protect our citizens.

Studies demonstrate that the waste products of fracking are hazardous to our environment, to our health, and are known to contribute to the creation of tremors in our earth.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Baram".

Representative David A. Baram