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**Testimony Regarding PBH 6329 – AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE  
IN CONNECTICUT**

My name is Susan A. Beauregard and I live at 340 Providence Tpke Hampton. I am submitting my testimony *in support* of PBH 6329.

**We must ban hydraulic fracturing waste and all oil and gas drilling and extractions wastes! The language of this bill must be expanded to include ALL waste from BOTH oil & gas drilling and extraction.**

This type of waste is extremely hazardous and can contain any number of toxins in various concentrations and various combinations. It contains heavy metals and chemicals in addition to naturally occurring radioactive materials. I have serious concerns about the health impacts on the citizens of Connecticut if this type of waste is processed and stored in the state.

These health impacts are very real. In a December 17, 2014 article titled ***“New York State to Ban Fracking Over Health Concerns”*** on WNPR.org, New York’s acting Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker stated, "I cannot support high-volume hydraulic fracturing in the great state of New York," based on a health impact study on fracking and fracking waste. "I have considered all of the data," Zucker said in a statement, "and find significant questions and risks to public health which as of yet are unanswered. I think it would be reckless to proceed in New York until more authoritative research is done. I asked myself, 'Would I let my family live in a community with fracking?' The answer is no. I therefore cannot recommend anyone else's family to live in such a community either." It speaks volumes that a State Health Commissioner wouldn't want his family or any other family to live a community that allows fracking and the processing and storage of fracking waste. He and I share the same views on the matter.

I'm advocating that this bill be passed because of the following:

- I have an 8 year old son. I do not want him or the other children in my town and the state exposed to these hazardous chemicals and the obvious health risks that are associated with them.
- I do not want my neighbors and fellow residents of Connecticut to be exposed to these hazardous chemicals and the obvious health risks that are associated with them.
- I work for a health center that provides primary care to residents of eastern CT. We already have patients with chronic health conditions that are being treated and closely monitored by our providers. With the current concerns about the impact of the repeal and replacement of the ACA at the Federal level, which includes the possible block granting of Medicaid funds to the states, I feel that it's irresponsible to allow an activity that will negatively impact the health of our citizens and drive more people to seek out medical care. It will put a greater strain on an already taxed system whose resources are in jeopardy.

- I do not want the value of my property to drop. The housing market in eastern CT has never fully recovered after the crash in 2007. I built my house for \$250,000 in 2008 and this doesn't include the cost of the land, which was \$50,000. My property recently assessed in at \$182,000. Luckily I'm not underwater in my mortgage, but it would be horrible to see my property value drop even further because no one wants to move to Connecticut because they don't want to expose their families to the dangers of fracking waste.

**In summary, we MUST BAN fracking and fracking waste from BOTH oil and gas drilling in CT to protect our citizen's health, to protect our children's health, to protect our property values and to protect our future!**