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Testimony to the Environment Committee – March 13, 2017 Public Hearing

**HB 6329 AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE  
IN CONNECTICUT**

The Honorable Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner and Representative Demicco, and members of the Environment Committee,

My name is Jane Brawerman. I am a resident of Middletown, CT and an environmental professional. I am writing in support of HB 6329, An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut. This bill would permanently prohibit the storage, disposal, handling and use of hydraulic fracturing waste in Connecticut.

This critical step will safeguard CT residents and our rivers, streams and groundwater from the potential for contamination from a host of toxic chemicals in fracking waste, including chemicals that are known or possible human carcinogens, regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as well as radioactive compounds released from the earth during the fracking process.

There are examples from other states where fracking is taking place demonstrating the public and environmental health concerns associated with fracking wastes, including contaminated groundwater, polluted rivers, and instances of people and animals living near fracking wells becoming sick.

I respectfully urge your support of this critical bill. Please protect CT from the public and environmental health risks associated with allowing toxic fracking waste in the state. This is a good example where the precautionary principle should come into play as part of your deliberations. And in light of recent actions to limit environmental protection at the Federal level, protections at the state level are even more important.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and for your consideration in support of HB 6329.