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**To: Environment Committee**

**RE: H.B. 6329**

Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

Please support HB6329 by voting to send this bill to the full legislature so hopefully it can pass during the 2017 session. Keeping fracking waste, from all types of fossil fuel extraction, out of our state is vital to keeping Connecticut a safe and healthy state to live in. Liquid and solid fracking wastes contain toxic chemicals and radiation that are known to be carcinogens along with many chemicals that have not been tested for impacts on humans and our ecosystems. Fracking waste offers no benefit and poses a significant danger to our waterways and to private and public drinking water wells in homes, schools and other buildings. A secure system of storage is not available. Current methods have failed or leaked. The hazardous waste treatment plants in CT that could apply for permits relative to treating fracking wastes have been found to be non-compliant for all or most of the past three years, two with significant violations. By voting to prohibit by-products of fracking to enter our state, we will protect the health and safety of our residents and natural resources and we may ultimately help to discourage this unnecessary practice which can worsen climate change and lead to wide spread environmental degradation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Christopher and Kathleen Demers*

Cc: Senator Tony Guglielmo

Representative Sam Belsito