

To: Chairs Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner, Representative Demico
and members of the Environment Committee
Re: Testimony HB No. 6329 An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut
Environment Committee Public Hearing March 13, 2017
Date: March 10, 2017

I strongly support a complete ban on hydraulic fracturing waste for gas and also for all oil and gas drilling and extractions wastes. Please be sure that whatever the process of production, that all wastes are banned in Connecticut as well as all products made from such wastes.

I appeal to you to bring this legislation forward so that regulations that would permit any such wastes or products made from them are not adopted after DEEP submits them for review.

The monetary gain for accepting wastes or waste products will be a small fraction of the costs of enforcement and the inevitable cleanup. The health of our citizens, as well as the cost of healthcare, need to be a priority.

In a bipartisan effort, citizens of my town, Hampton, are convening a town meeting to enact an ordinance to ban such waste and waste products. However, the ban would not apply to the Natchaug and Goodwin State Forests which we enjoy here. It will also not protect our water from contamination emanating in neighboring towns.

Hampton enjoys a relationship with the towns in northeast Connecticut. The economic burden of remediation of spills, soil and well contamination, and property devaluation will effect not only the tax burden of our neighbors, it will effect the cooperative economic arrangements that we strive to implement.

Connecticut faces decisions about its economy and future growth. We don't need to accept waste from states which allow fracturing, or any other oil and gas extraction. Acceptance will place health and economic burdens on Connecticut.

Thank you for your consideration,

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