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RE: SUPPORT - HB-6329, AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST), which represents approximately 110 towns throughout Connecticut, **supports** **HB-6329**, which would impose a statewide ban on the storage of hydraulic fracturing waste in Connecticut.

Currently, due to the potential health and safety risks associated with the storage of hydraulic fracking waste, some towns are being asked to adopt local ordinances banning the storage of such waste within their communities. Towns incur substantial costs in adopting local ordinances, including costs associated with retaining legal counsel and other consultants to research and draft the ordinance, holding and noticing public meetings and hearings, and convening and staffing meetings of the local governing body to approve the ordinance, etc.

However, risks associated with the storage of hydraulic fracking waste, which may affect water and other natural resources and ecological habitats, have statewide implications. As such, a statewide ban on the storage of hydraulic fracking waste is a more appropriate mechanism to address concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.