

Testimony for HB6329 An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing in CT

Dear: Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner, Representative Demicco and members of the Environmental Committee

My name is Kristi Gagnon I am a resident of Connecticut and I am deeply concerned over the possibility of hydraulic fracturing waste being allowed to come into our state. I have a bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of Connecticut and I currently work as a hazardous materials consultant in Connecticut. I have a comprehensive understanding of the waste generated from this process and Connecticut must continue to keep this toxic and radioactive material away from Connecticut residents. I strongly urge you to look upon the research into the chemicals used in this process, the hazard this waste presents to public health, the threat of chemical contamination and the future consequences to our environment and economy. The three facilities in Connecticut able to accept this waste all have previous and current violations of inadequate treatment. Additionally, how can these facilities accept liability to treat fracking waste appropriately without full disclosure of chemicals used in this process? CTDEEP regulations to import fracking waste will not be able to provide adequate protection against any of these concerns. Please consider the health and safety of Connecticut residents and support a permanent ban on hydraulic fracturing waste.

Thank you for your support,

Kristi Gagnon  
206 Wolcott Road  
Terryville, CT 06786