

To: Chairmen Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner, Representative Demicco and members of the Environment Committee

Testimony for HB6329 An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing in CT

I'm writing in support of HB 6329. There is no good reason to allow treatment of fracking waste in CT. Fracking waste contains 100's of chemicals (some unidentified) that would require processing. We have 3 facilities in the state that process hazardous waste and most months they all are in violation of current regulations, just handling much less complex chemicals than fracking waste would present. Fracking waste frequently includes radioactive materials as well and we are in no way prepared to deal with massive amounts of radioactive waste. The various wastes from fracking can contaminate surface water, ground water and soils. This means that that drinking water, irrigating with water and breathing air containing contaminated dust all may hurt your health. The illnesses caused by substances found in fracking waste include multiple types of cancer, neurological disorders and respiratory disorders.

Risk points in the fracking waste process include contamination during: transport by tanker trucks; offloading from trucks at processing facilities and the processing of unknown chemicals itself.

HB6329 is needed to stop DEEP from drafting regulations to allow a process that offers no benefits and lots of risks for the people of CT.

Please support this bill.

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