

Connecticut General Assembly-Environment Committee Public Hearing March 13, 2017
HB 6329 AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACKING WASTE IN
CONNECTICUT

To Chairs Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner, Representative Demicco and members of the committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill No. 6329. I feel it is imperative that the State of Connecticut and its residents be protected from the negative economic, environmental, and health impacts that could be incurred as a result of contamination by and/or exposure to untreated or inadequately treated waste from oil and gas extraction, or derivatives of that waste. The risks, particularly those posed by the radioactivity of the waste, cannot be adequately addressed by even the most stringent regulations that could be put forward by the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, because as we know, spills and non-compliance happen.

I would also like to urge the committee to include language in this bill that would extend to waste and its derivatives produced by **all** extraction of both natural gas **and** oil, as the process of straight drilling for oil produces toxic waste products such as drilling mud and cuttings, which are disposed of or recycled for use, all with risk of negative impact to the communities they end up in.

There are currently 11 towns in Connecticut that have passed ordinances to ban fracking waste, and more than 20 others, my own included, that are in the process of doing so, with citizens showing enthusiastic bipartisan support. I would like to thank the committee for considering my testimony and for drafting this bipartisan bill, your work is appreciated. I urge all members to support HB 6329 through its passage.

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