

I am writing in strong support of the following proposed bills:

HB 6329 - The waste from the fracking process is known to be toxic and to allow it be transported through our state, disposed of in our state, or used in any manner, opens our residents and wildlife to unnecessary health dangers and exposes our land and water resources to irreparable damage . Please pass this bill to permanently prohibit the storage, disposal, handling and use of hydraulic fracturing waste in Connecticut.

HB5618 – plastic bottle pollution is an enormous environmental challenge. It is so important to update our bottle laws to promote recycling. I strongly support increasing the handling fee to properly compensate the redemption centers for the cost of the processing, given this fee has not increased in decades, and expanding its applicability to cover the types of beverages that are now a portion of the bottled beverage consumption – namely sports drinks, juices, teas, wine and other bottled liquors. Other states that include this wider set of bottles have recycling rates that are substantially higher levels of recycling (85-90%) than CT currently enjoys (50-60%).

HB 7247 – It is widely agreed that carbon is a direct and significant contributor to climate change and we need policies to reduce the amount of carbon emissions. Therefore, I fully support the effort to establish a carbon price for fossil fuels sold in the state. Similar policies adopted by other American states and Canadian provinces have shown that this can be effectively implemented without harming the economy. I support the revenue neutral approach for this bill, and the return of some of the revenue to Connecticut residents to help with energy price fluctuations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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