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Dear Senators and Representatives, considering HB 6329, An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut,

Middletown recently passed a ban on hydraulic fracturing waste and would like the legislature to protect the entire state. Please permanently ban all oil and gas drilling and extraction wastes. No amount of regulation can prevent leaks, spills and accidents. There is no way to foresee the ways this waste can be repackaged and presented in the future. I believe a statewide ban that includes language to protect all public and private property, including roads and waterways of any size, is essential to protect CT from the devastating consequences of allowing this toxic material to enter within the borders of our state. Please ban the transfer, processing, and all materials made from or containing fracking waste from CT permanently.

The public health risk is not just to humans, but to all forms of life, and to the the soil and water on which all other life forms depend. In the long run that should be our primary concern, but in the short run the damages to property values and the unforeseeable extent and costs for remediation could bankrupt residents, municipalities, and the state for the foreseeable future. Please extend the deadline for comments so that the state can hear from the thousands who have already spoken at the local level to be heard by the state. This is not a "business as usual" situation when we are talking about the viability of life in our state.

Sincerely,

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