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Testimony for HB 6329 An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing in CT

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

Please protect our property values, our town budgets from costly remediation expenses, and our state and the environment from the toxic, radioactive, and chemical contamination of fracking waste.

With the state deficit and development problems we already have, we simply cannot afford to risk further exposing ourselves to the myriad complications associated with fracking waste. These include: water & watershed contamination, birth defects, human developmental problems, organ damage, cancer, lower property values, damage to roadways, and radioactive pollution.

With the Administration of President Donald Trump's America First Energy Plan calling for the elimination of environmental protections and the expansion of oil and gas recovery efforts, there could not be a more crucial time for our state to take the lead on this issue.

We must have a permanent ban prohibiting the storage, disposal, handling, and use of hydraulic fracturing waste across the state of Connecticut to prevent accidents, spills, leaks, and inadequate testing. Approximately a dozen towns across the state have already moved in this direction by passing local ordinances accordingly, and more than a dozen others are in the works.

Now is the time to protect our entire state. Let's show the rest of the country that we can lead on this issue in 2017 by passing HB 6329.

Many thanks for putting this bill together and bringing it before the Committee.

Sincerely,

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