



**TESTIMONY OF RIVERS ALLIANCE OF CONNECTICUT
FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
March 13, 2017**

Re Bill 6329 AAC HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT (*Support*)

To the Chairmen: Sen. Ted Kennedy Jr., Sen. Craig Miner, Rep. Mike Demicco,
And Honorable Members of the Committee:

Rivers Alliance of Connecticut is a statewide, non-profit coalition of river organizations, individuals, and businesses formed to protect Connecticut's waters by promoting sound water policies, uniting and strengthening the state's many river groups, and providing education on water stewardship.

We ask you to support a state ban on the importation of fracking waste into Connecticut, whether for waste treatment or in any product. Presently, there is a moratorium on bringing in fracking waste, but the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has been charged to write regulations relating to possible importation under certain circumstances (Section 22a-472). Our research indicates that the three facilities in Connecticut to which such waste could be delivered for treatment are not able reliably to meet their permit standards. Data, based on federal reporting and covering a number of years is on our website www.riversalliance.org Our research also indicates that fracking waste is extraordinarily difficult to manage and poses serious health risks. You will receive testimony from others that is expert and detailed on these points.

Some ten towns have adopted municipal bans on fracking waste. Rivers Alliance played a small role in assisting the first town to do so, which was Washington. The bans are widely popular. It would be more efficient to adopt a statewide ban. Such an action would also relieve DEEP of an onerous, controversial, and difficult task at a time when the agency's resources are limited.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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