

Connecticut General Assembly - Environment Committee Public Hearing

House Bill No. 6329 AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT.

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

I support HB 6329. I also recommend that additional language be included to strengthen this bill: prohibit all drilling and extraction wastes from both oil and gas wells.

Citizens in eleven towns, including my own, have passed strong town ordinances banning this toxic waste. More than thirty other towns across Connecticut have citizen groups actively working on similar bans. With the knowledge of thousands of spills, radioactive and chemical contamination, and failure of regulations in other states, comes a responsibility for Connecticut to ban the transportation and storage of this waste in our state.

The toxins in fracking waste materials can cause many types of cancer, birth defects, neurological and multiple organ damage, developmental problems and embryo toxicity. Radium226 has a radioactive half-life of 1,600 years, and decays into other radioactive progeny, and finally, lead. Regulations cannot prevent the inevitable spills, accidents, and leakage that would be part and parcel of accepting these materials into our state. The financial and human health costs of bringing this waste into Connecticut are unacceptable.

Thank you for your time and consideration in hearing our voices, and for drafting this important legislation.

-Lindsay Morahn

410 Zaicek Rd., Ashford, Ct. 06278