

Testimony of
Environment and Human Health, Inc.
By
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Bill 6329

AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

To Chairmen of the Environment Committee, Senators Kennedy, Miner and Representative Demicco and Members of the Environment Committee:

Environment and Human Health, Inc. strongly supports Bill 6329

Keeping toxic fracking waste out of Connecticut is vitally important for the health and well-being of Connecticut's citizens.

In states where wells have been "fracked," ground water has been contaminated, rivers have been polluted by fracking waste, and in some instances, people and animals near fracking wells have become sick.

Bill McKibben, the noted author and environmentalist writes, "Fracking has caused enormous problems with underground water contamination and aboveground waste disposal - entire streams have been destroyed."

According to a staff report by the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, more than 650 commonly used fracking products contain chemicals that are known to be or are possible human carcinogens under the Safe Drinking Water Act, or listed as hazardous air pollutants. When fracking fluids come up from the fracking wells they not only contain the toxic chemicals that went down into the wells, they also come up from the wells containing radio active compounds that are deep inside the earth.

Fracking waste is a mix of dangerous chemicals that can damage Connecticut's water supplies and pollute our state's vital resources.

It is critically important that toxic fracking waste not come into Connecticut.

Thank you for your attention,
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