

Connecticut General Assembly – Environment Committee Public Hearing March 13, 2017 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,**

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of H.B. 6329.

As a resident of New London, Connecticut, I was part of the successful effort to pass a municipal ordinance banning the use, storage, handling or disposal of hydraulic fracturing waste in New London. Here as in other municipalities across Connecticut, the public overwhelmingly supported our municipal ordinance and packed the room to support its passage.

Clearly, the public wants governmental protection from this toxic and radioactive waste. We don't want exposure to Radium226 or to the carcinogens and neurotoxins found in fracturing waste. Only a ban, rather than limitations, will fully safeguard our water, our environment and our health.

My only requested change to the bill is that its language be strengthened to include a ban not just on hydraulic fracturing waste, but on any waste generated by oil or gas drilling or extraction, including drilling muds, drilling cuttings, chemicals used to clean equipment, acidation chemicals, brine fallout from underground gas and LPG storage. By expanding the bill to include these related categories of toxic waste, you can prevent the fossil fuel industry from finding loopholes to exploit in their search for places to dispose of their toxic waste.

Thank you again for considering my testimony and for drafting this important environmental legislation.

Respectfully,

Laura Natusch  
7 Mountain Avenue  
New London, CT 06320