

TESTIMONY FOR “HB 6329 AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING
WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

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To: State of Connecticut House Environmental Committee

Dear Environmental Committee,

First, I would like to apologize that this is a form letter. I am a working mother who also cares about the environment that her children will grow up in. I know some of you “borrow language” to write legislation so I’m sure you will understand.

I am writing to respectfully request that you take action to ban hydraulic fracturing and all oil and gas drilling and extractions wastes.

The toxins and radioactivity in these wastes cause multiple types of cancer, birth defects, developmental problems, neurological and multiple organ damage.

With the state deficit and town budget problems, we cannot risk exposing ourselves to remediation costs, if even possible. Spills, leaks and run-off have permanently poisoned aquifers, surface waters and property in other states.

A permanent ban is needed, as regulations won't stop spills and leaks. Regulations won't prevent inadequate testing, treatment or enforcement, resulting in potential radioactive and chemical contamination in CT. If this does not become a law, I may have to consider moving myself and my family to another state that does not allow fracking.

I live off of I-95, right near where these wastes would be traveling to be processed in Bridgeport.

We do not want to allow these very toxic substances in our beautiful state.

I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,

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