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Testimony on: HB 6329

## **AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CT**

Fracking wastes are clearly hazardous, yet we do not have in place any permanent and substantial legislation to prohibit the dumping and use of it in the State of CT.

I support the passage of HB 6329 **AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT**

I lived in Pennsylvania for 10 years and was able to observe the impact of fracking on the countryside. This experience was important in informing my point of view.

Dumping of this toxic waste in our landfills would expose our workers and residents to harmful levels of some of these environmental toxins. Radium-226 contamination would persist for more than a thousand years, ruining the productivity of the land for many generations.

There are well known carcinogens that have been present in fracking fluids include naphthalene, benzene and acrylamide. Other environmental toxins present in some fracking fluids, such as toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes, can result in nervous system, kidney and/or liver problems. And these are only the known chemicals.

The use of fracking fluid and sands on our roads as a de-icer has the potential of contaminating our watersheds and our drinking water downstream.

**Why would we want to use this material on our roads? In what circumstances does this make any sense?**

I support removing the authority for DEEP to submit regulations and a permanent ban on hydraulic fracturing waste for gas. The bill can be strengthened further by including language to ban all waste from both oil & gas drilling and extraction.

Thank you,



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