

Dear Environmental Committee Members,

I have recently become aware of HB 6329 which would permanently prohibit the handling, storage, and use of hydraulic fracturing wastes in CT. This is a prudent step in protecting individuals in CT from the radioactive and toxic residues found in these wastes. The public health risks of exposure to these wastes would profoundly compromise the well-being of those living here and as well as of our local ecosystems. As someone with academic training in Environmental Toxicology, I urgently ask you to ban hydraulic fracturing and all oil and gas drilling extraction wastes in Connecticut. Not doing so would have disastrous economic, health, and environmental consequences in our beautiful State.

Thank you,  
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