

Testimony for March 13, 2017 Environment Committee

**In Support of HB-6329:** An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut

Senator Miner, Senator Kennedy, Representative Demicco and Environment Committee Members

I am writing in strong support of HB-6329 to ban hydraulic fracturing waste from our state. We have had a moratorium on such waste entering the state. Now, with increased knowledge about the toxicities contained in hydraulic fracturing waste, it is time to move ahead and permanently ban these substances from entry into our state in any form.

The environmental consequences of energy production are often left to be paid by citizens, not by the corporations profiting off energy production. Hydraulic fracking has led to contaminated well fields, a proclivity to earthquakes, toxic sludge from drilling fluids, large quantities of contaminated water, and even radioactive waste. Fracking waste can be surreptitiously exported out of state to unsuspecting neighbors. Once dumped in their landfills, incorporated into sand, gravel, or road covering materials, or used to treat roadways, these hazardous substances can leach into the underlying surface soil and groundwater as well. We would do well not to allow them entry into Connecticut's environment.

Please act to pass HB-6329 and permanently ban fracking waste from our state. I am proud to be a resident of Bloomfield, CT where our town council has tentatively approved a municipal ordinance to ban fracking waste from the town.

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