

Re: HB 6329 AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

I am in favor of a complete ban on any kind of waste from hydraulic fracturing process coming into CT. I am an Environmental Consultant by profession and have seen enough to know that the remediation of contaminated soils, surface waters and groundwater is expensive at best and most of the time next to impossible. The known toxins and radioactivity in these wastes are unimaginably potent and cause multiple types of cancer, birth defects, developmental problems, neurological and multiple organ damage. The chemicals in such waste are not even completely known, as gas and oil companies have proprietary rights to their own formulas. How can proper treatment occur if access to the formulas cannot be gained? We cannot risk exposing ourselves to remediation costs, if remediation after spills, leaks and general discharge of waste products is even possible. Spills, leaks and run-off have permanently poisoned aquifers, surface waters and property in other states. Property values have declined and entire areas even made uninhabitable. 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.

Thank you for your hard work and consideration of this bill.

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