

Committee Members:

As a fire service professional who would be called upon to respond in the event of a transportation accident involving fracturing waste products, I support HB 6329, An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut, and I urge you to move this bill to the floor.

I'm sure you have already heard or read a great deal of testimony regarding the potential health and environmental effects of hydraulic fracturing waste. Not only would spills, leaks and runoff be detrimental to our environment and communities, but they would be very dangerous to the health of the emergency responders tasked with protecting communities and mitigating spills.

Last year, you passed a firefighter cancer bill, compensating fire personnel for occupationally acquired cancers. This year, I urge you to permanently eliminate any chance of emergency responder exposure to these wastes--which are cancer causing.

I support a permanent ban on all hydraulic fracturing waste for gas and oil drilling and waste from all gas and oil extraction methods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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