

Connecticut General Assembly  
Environment Committee Public Hearing  
March 13, 2017 House Bill No. 6329

AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

To Chairs Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner, Representative Demicco and members of the committee,

I am a resident of Mansfield, Connecticut and am writing to ask that you support this bill and actually urge a strengthening of the language. We must ban hydraulic fracturing waste for gas and also for all oil and gas drilling and extractions wastes! Many towns, including my Town of Mansfield, have already passed town ordinances banning this toxic waste.

I ask that the language of this bill be strengthened to include ALL waste from both oil & gas drilling and extraction, as the waste from hydraulic fracturing for oil is no less toxic than the waste from hydraulic fracturing for gas. Include the waste from all drilling and extraction methods, such as drilling muds, drilling cuttings, chemicals used to clean equipment, acidation chemicals, brine fallout from underground gas and LPG storage, as these additional wastes can share the same toxic qualities as waste that was generated from the hydraulic fracturing process. We don't want the oil and gas industry to use semantics to find loopholes in your legislation.

Please do everything in your power to pass a strong bill to protect the residents of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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