

**TESTIMONY: House Bill 6329 AN ACT CONCERNING
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT.**

Connecticut General Assembly - Environment Committee Public
Hearing March 13 2017

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

I am the chairman of the Environmental Justice Action Committee of the First Congregational Church of Lebanon. As a town with over 12% of all the protected farm land in Connecticut, I and deeply concerned for the health, safety and way of life of the residents not only of my town, but of the state of Connecticut. In Lebanon, we are currently working on an ordinance which will ban all waste from oil and gas exploration or extraction activities. We feel in addition, that the state must ban all hydraulic fracturing from oil and gas drilling and extraction wastes. The toxins and radioactivity in these wastes cause multiple types of cancer, birth defects, developmental problems, neurological and multiple organ damage.

With the state deficit and town budget problems, we cannot risk exposing ourselves to remediation costs, if even possible. Spills, leaks and run-off have permanently poisoned aquifers, surface waters and property in other states. A permanent ban is needed as regulations wont stop spills and leaks. Regulations wont prevent inadequate testing, treatment or enforcement, resulting in potential radioactive and chemical contamination in Connecticut.

In summary, we **MUST BAN** fracking and fracking waste from **BOTH** oil and gas drilling in CT to protect our citizen's health, to protect our children's health, to protect our property values and to protect our future!

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