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Regarding Senate Bill 103 "An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in CT"

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to urge my state senate to join in the efforts to bring about a ban of toxic fracking waste across Connecticut. A simple Google search will yield studies by Yale and numerous other institutions documenting the health hazards of this material. Radium 226 has a half-life of 4000 years and is linked to, among other cancers, childhood leukemia- a fast-growing cancer that accelerates to stage 4 rapidly. And Radium is only one of the as-yet-identified 157 toxic elements of fracking waste that Yale has studied.

Over 6,600 spills of fracking waste have been documented in just 4 states, most of them associated with the transportation of the waste, and over 50% of them being at processing plants, despite regulations. The current state moratorium covers only 4 specific types of waste, and only from certain types of fracking. The proposed ban, which has already been passed by 34 towns in CT closes the many loopholes that the state leaves open, banning 18 different types of waste, as well as materials such as road de-icers created from the waste.

Connecticut cannot afford to risk the costly ramifications of clean-up, which in many cases is not even possible (as in Frankfort, Kentucky), if our watersheds and soil are contaminated. Finances aside, the even greater concern is the health of our townspeople, particularly our children and future generations.

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