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State of Connecticut
Environmental Committee

Attn: Honorable Senator Miner, Senator Kennedy, Representative
Demicco and distinguished members of the committee.

Re: SB103 Testimony

As a lifelong resident of Simsbury, please permanently ban toxic, radioactive fracking waste in Connecticut. Our environment, public health, property values, town and state budgets cannot afford the accidents, spills, leaks and inadequate treatment followed by discharge that are contaminating other states. There are thousands of spills in other states with regulations; waterways are already radioactive. We need to ban this waste in Connecticut so we do not contaminate our soils and waterways here.

Over the past fifty years I have become more informed about the impact of spills from contaminated waste in our densely populated state with rich biodiversity and rare ecosystems. Senate Bill 103 has a chance of changing state law and creating a permanent ban of waste from one process, hydraulic fracturing, from gas wells only. Thirty-six towns now have more comprehensive ordinances, and over fifteen are pending. In Simsbury, we have collected more than 600 signatures to ban a more comprehensive list of waste matter.

The public requires protections of our environment. Please pass SB103.

Sincerely,

Sharon Anne Byron