



Senate Bill Number 103  
"An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut"

Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition  
Testimony in Support of the Act  
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The Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition (PRWC) is a 501c3 organization that was founded in 1999 in response to the increasing pressures that land development activities threatened to put on the local water supply. Since then, PRWC has evolved into a nationally recognized model for scientific investigation, municipal assistance, stakeholder collaboration, community education, and volunteer engagement. Today, PRWC's mission is to ensure the availability of high quality water in the Pomperaug River watershed communities in Litchfield and New Haven counties through the use of science and education. We share our knowledge and expertise with others committed to the protection of water resources for future generations.

PRWC believes that developing good water-use habits and making decisions affecting the long-term health of our local water resources should be grounded in scientific understanding of the watershed. PRWC's programs and services include: development and acquisition of scientific watershed and river data; provision of technical assistance on environmental challenges; and facilitation of educational programs to involve children, residents, businesses, and town officials with their rivers and aquifer. The major objective for all of PRWC's programs and activities is to underscore our collective roles as stewards of our environment and to promote good habits to keep our watershed healthy.

We believe that Senate Bill Number 103 will be an important addition to Connecticut law in terms of furthering the protection of our watershed and all watersheds throughout the State. We believe that the research and fact finding associated with proposed shift from regulation to law within the Bill is in fact consistent with good science and long term human and environmental health protection.

The water resource risks associated with receipt, collection, storage, treatment and disposal of waste from hydraulic fracking are well documented. This Bill provides the opportunity to sharpen our defense against future threats. As such, PRWC requests your support of Senate Bill Number 103 and thanks you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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