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To: Senate Environmental Committee

RE: S.B. 103 “An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in CT”

I strongly urge you to support S.B. 103

Keeping fracking waste, from any type of fossil fuel extraction, out of our state is vital to keeping Connecticut a safe and healthy state to live in. Liquid and solid fracking wastes contain toxic chemicals and radiation that are known to be carcinogens along with many chemicals that have not been tested for impacts on humans and our ecosystems. Fracking waste offers no benefit and poses a significant danger to our waterways and to private and public drinking water wells in homes, schools and other buildings.

A secure system of storage is not available. In states where fracking wastes have been created and stored, current treatment and storage methods have failed or leaked. The three hazardous waste treatment plants in CT that could apply for permits relative to treating fracking wastes have been found to be non-compliant in the recent past, two with significant violations. Even if DEEP comes up with new regulations to try to reduce risks, accidents and violations will likely continue to occur. By voting to prohibit by-products of fracking to enter our state, we will protect the health and safety of our residents and natural resources and we may ultimately help to discourage this unnecessary practice which can worsen climate change and lead to wide spread environmental degradation.

In my town of Willington, 100% of drinking water comes from wells and the Fenton River is part of the area’s drinking water watershed. Because of concerns about protecting our drinking water, our Town established an ordinance last year, banning all types of fracking waste. We are one of 36 towns in CT to have comprehensive ordinances and at least a dozen other CT towns are in the process. It would make the greatest sense for the entire state to ban fracking waste, so that it would not be permitted to be transported over our highways.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Demers