

**Written testimony of Susan Eastwood
to the Connecticut General Assembly Environment Committee
February 23, 2018**

***In Support of SB 103* AN ACT CONCERNING
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT.**

Dear Honorable Senator Miner, Senator Kennedy, Representative Demicco and distinguished members of the Environment Committee,

My name is Susan Eastwood; I am a resident of Ashford, and the Chair of the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force. I write in strong support of **SB 103 AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT.**

This bill would permanently prohibit the receipt, collection, storage, treatment and disposal of waste from hydraulic fracturing within the state of Connecticut. The ban is limited to waste from one process, hydraulic fracturing, from gas wells only.

Our town of Ashford has passed a municipal ban on fracking waste, as have many other towns in Connecticut, with good reason. We only have to look at other states to find ample evidence of thousands of spills of toxic chemicals used in the fracking process, many unknown. The waste contains radioactive materials that have contaminated waterways and soils. Connecticut citizens care about our environment and the potential impacts of toxic waste pollution on our health. We also have real concerns about the impacts on our property values, town and state budgets of accidents, spills, leaks and inadequate treatment followed by discharge that are contaminating other states.

Thirty-six (36) Connecticut towns have passed municipal ordinances that are more comprehensive than proposed bill **SB 103**. Ordinances are pending in fifteen (15) more municipalities. This is a call to action to ban fracking waste throughout our state. Frankly, I would like to see the state legislature take stronger action. But this is a big step in the right direction.

I thank the Environment Committee for raising the bill and urge you to vote to move it forward in the legislative process. Further, I urge each of you to support **SB 103** and work to ensure passage this session. Connecticut 's families deserve the security of a clean water and a safe environment, and we look to you to safeguard them as essential to our quality of life.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony on **SB 103**. I appreciate your time and attention.

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