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Testimony in support of SB 103 An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut

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

As a nurse and the State Director for Clean Water Action, a national organization with over 11,000 members in Connecticut, I strongly urge this committee to support and work to pass SB 103 AAC Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut. Hydraulic fracturing waste contains radioactive and toxic chemicals that are carcinogenic, neurotoxic and disruptive to hormones. Many of the chemicals in fracking waste are persistent and long-lasting in the environment. There is no safe use for fracking waste and the risk of spills, leakage, contamination of our waters, harms to humans, wildlife and our environment are not worth the risk.

Connecticut has demonstrated leadership in protecting our environment, most recently by requiring the development of a state water plan to protect our waters and preserve our high-quality drinking water standards. Transporting and storing toxic fracking waste poses significant risks of spills and leaks, particularly at a time when the state's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has limited resources to oversee, monitor, regulate and enforce violations.

Stormwater runoff from roads, parking lots and other impervious surfaces is a big source of water contamination. Fracking waste used as a de-icing tool would only add to the amount of toxic chemicals washing off into storm drains that ultimately drain into our water ways.

Connecticut's natural environment, scenic New England coastlines, idyllic farms and beautiful forests add to our quality of life, provide abundant sources of recreation and positively impact our economy. There is no positive benefit to bringing in fracking waste to CT. The risks of doing so are far too high. We urge your support and passage this session of SB 103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne B. Hulick".

Anne Hulick