



TOWN OF HAMDEN ENERGY USE & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION

**Environment Committee
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SB 103 An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut

I am Martin Mador, 130 Highland Ave. Hamden, CT. I have a Masters in Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. I have served as the legislative and political chair for the Sierra Club in the state for a decade, and have submitted testimony on 400 bills. This testimony is submitted in my role as Chair of the Hamden Energy Use and Climate Change Commission. The commission, created by town ordinance in 2005, has voted to endorse the following.

The hazards of radioactive waste from underground fracturing (fracking) operations to produce natural gas are now well known. Connecticut fortunately has no viable ridges of subterranean gas suitable for fracking. However, we are certainly at risk for deposition of wastes brought in from other states, and for spills of waste in transit across the state.

This is an unusual opportunity because the problems have not started to happen yet. We can stay ahead of the hazards by passing SB 103. Historically, we have reacted to environmental threats after they are at our door. For this threat, let's avoid the risk to our human and environmental health and the inevitable future cleanup costs by banning it now.