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Honorable Senator Minor, Kennedy, Representative Demicco, and distinguished members of the Environmental Committee,

My name is James Root and I live in Danbury. I support SB 103-An Act banning Hydraulic Fracking Waste in CT.

The state cannot afford to import this dangerous material. It would be an unending environmental and health liability. The minor potential for municipal and state revenue do not come near justifying the risks engendering by throwing the dice on this matter. Succumbing to the additional pressure from fossil fuel special interests, and allowing them to use CT a dumping ground, would only throw CT's fiscal situation, going forward, into more uncertainty as there would be the enduring shadow of the potential for lawsuits and clean up costs in relation to the use and processing of frackwaste in CT. Additionally, the use or processing of any of this industrial material could drive down property values and cause havoc on the municipal side of finance. (On the personal side, I would not want toxic and radioactive frackwaste transported into CT on I84-practically next door to me.)

Outside of these pragmatic 'in-state' reasons, there are moral problems with subsidizing, in effect, fracking operations to our west. To

help fracking interests dispose of their wastes here would be unneighborly and irresponsible, within the community of states, to the people of Pennsylvania and other states suffering from hydrological and health devastation caused by fracking.

Please advance SB103. Getting mixed up in this business is just a real bad idea for CT, fiscally and morally. Let's take control of matter while we can.

Sincerely,

James Root