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Honorable Senator Miner, Senator Kennedy, Representative Demiccio and distinguished members of the committee:

I am writing to show my support for Senate Bill 103 regarding An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in CT.

I have been involved with the ban of fracking waste in my town of Bristol and have greatly wanted to see a statewide initiative come forth again to more comprehensively protect our state. I would prefer that language be added to the bill to ban waste from fracked oil wells as well as from gas wells. However, if this is not possible, I would be in favor of passing the bill the way it is as a good beginning to the process.

The main point is to please permanently ban toxic, radioactive fracking waste in CT. Our environment, health, property values, town and state budgets cannot afford the accidents, spills, leaks and inadequate treatment followed by discharge that are contaminating other states. There are thousands of spills in other states with regulations rather than comprehensive bans, and waterways are already radioactive. Regulations from DEEP cannot possibly be adequate in tracking the material and successfully disposing of it because of the nature of the waste itself. The waste is too complicated and variable in its chemical and radioactive profile to be processed successfully anywhere. We need to ban this waste in CT in its entirety so we don't face the same contamination problems as seen in other states.

Thank you for your time and concern,

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