

Testimony of Karen Sullivan in Support of SB103, An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing in CT
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To: Honorable Senator Miner, Senator Kennedy, Representative Demicco and distinguished members of the committee.

My name is Karen Sullivan. I am a resident of Glastonbury, CT.

I am testifying today in support of SB103, An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing in CT.

- Fracking destabilizes the ground making earthquakes more likely
- Fracking contaminates surrounding lands and water supplies that are essential for life and agriculture.
- SB103 protects our state from radioactive and chemical contamination in fracking waste and in so doing, protects our property values and our town budgets from costly remediation expenses.
- Radium 226, found in this waste, takes 4,000 years to decay and turns into lead. It is known to cause breast, bone and liver cancers and associated with childhood and adult leukemia.
- The history of fracking mishaps in other states from earthquakes to contamination is proof that fracking is neither safe nor desirable.
- We need to focus on renewable, green energies—wind, water and solar, and decrease our dependence and expenditures on fossil fuels.
- We need not debate how to regulate the waste of fracking; we need to ban it in our state—our beautiful state—outright.

I urge you to support SB103, An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing in.

Sincerely,
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