

IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 103

AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

I heartily support the passage of this bill. It is quite well known that our neighboring state of Pennsylvania has been very active in the hydraulic fracturing process to produce natural gas. However the process produces large amounts of waste water. Not only are the “fracturing” companies using proprietary chemicals in this process, the water which comes back up picks up additional chemicals, including radioactive material. We really have no way of knowing exactly what contaminants might be in this water. The idea of using this salty waste to de-ice our roads is rather frightening to me.

We are already exposed to so many chemicals in our food, in the products we use, and in the air. The people of Connecticut do not need the risk of additional exposure to these waste chemicals. Not only does it put our health at risk, it puts our air and water at risk. Water is an absolute necessity for human, animal and plant life. We cannot risk contamination of our water.

Some 35 towns in Connecticut (including my town of Andover) have already banned “fracking” waste in their towns, and additional towns are working on bans. This should make it very apparent to our Legislators that the people of Connecticut do not want to be subjected in any way to hydraulic fracturing waste.

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