## S.B.103 Ban Fracking Waste - Support Environment Committee Testimony - February 23, 2018

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My name is Luther Weeks. I reside at 334 Hollister Way West, Glastonbury on the banks of the Connecticut River aka The Great River. I have lived in Glastonbury since 1976. My ancestors started farming on the banks of the Connecticut River in 1634. I first lived on the banks of the River in 1971, in East Windsor Hill. I was born and raised in Bristol where the Pequabuck River was essentially a mix of industrial waste with water added.

In 1971, Glastonbury tobacco fields were contaminated with DDT. The Great River was a toxic mess, created over 350 years by our predecessors. They believed the river and planet had infinite capacity. In just two generations we have largely cleaned up the Connecticut.

I am a scientist, a computer scientist. One does not need to be an environmental scientist to detect BS:

- They won't say what is in it. They say if we know, we would know it is safe.

  That is BS. It's been tested, it's toxic and often radioactive. If they want to dump it, they should prove it is safe.
- They imply it would benefit us to use it. That is BS. If it was so valuable, they would not pay to move it from Pennsylvania to New York and Connecticut. Pennsylvania would want to keep it.

Fortunately, we know more than our predecessors. We have seen the devastation of toxic chemicals, environmental exploitation, and corporate denials (Google Tobacco Exxon Coverup). We know the land, rivers, and planet are limited, valuable, and vulnerable

It is time for you to choose. Without this law we could destroy the Great River and Great Meadows, not for just 350 years, but for millennia to come. Choose to keep Glastonbury and all of Connecticut a great place to live and grow.

Thanks in advance for passing S.B.103. Thanks, for generations to come.

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