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Connecticut General Assembly  
Environment Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 3200  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Chairmen Miner, Kennedy, Demicco and distinguished members of the Environment Committee:

Thank you for holding a public hearing on SB 103 an Act Banning Hydraulic Fracking Waste in Connecticut. In December of 2017, I submitted an ordinance in my hometown of Bethel to ban fracking waste and hope to see it pass soon.

With close proximity to the New York border and I-84, many of Bethel's residents - both Republicans and Democrats - are extremely concerned about the possibility of hazardous waste spills. We don't want tanker trucks traveling round trip on I-84 to hazardous waste facilities and back to Pennsylvania. We know that the risk of spills increases with more trucks on the road.

I, along with many Bethel residents, fully support banning hydraulic fracturing waste. We strongly support passage of Senate Bill 103 and request, in the strongest possible terms, that you support this legislation as well.

The only way that DEEP can truly ensure safe radioactivity levels, is to create a parking lot of fracking waste storage containers near the border, draw and test samples, and wait for one month while lab tests are performed on each truckload of waste. This scenario drastically increases the potential risk of spills, something that could prove catastrophic for our community. In addition, we are certain that DEEP would not write and enforce regulations to this necessary standard.

In addition to hydraulic fracturing wastes, other processes from oil & gas drilling also produce radioactive and chemically toxic wastes. We would like to see language strengthened to include these wastes as well.

Thank you for your sincere consideration of these very serious concerns.

Sincerely,

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