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To: Honorable Senator Miner, Senator Kennedy, Representative Demicco, and distinguished members of the Committee:

Greetings:

I am writing to urge you to ban the use of waste brine and any other byproducts or waste produced by the hydraulic fracturing process. It is my opinion that, among other issues, this fracking waste liquid that industry would like us to use on our streets is slightly radioactive, and presents unknown dangers and health risks. Honestly, I don't believe government authorities when they maintain that this material is harmless. Once this brine is applied, we're stuck with it. It will unavoidably become a part of our groundwater. Is this honestly what we want our kids and future generations exposed to?

Government 'authorities' also claimed that the air quality around ground zero after 9-11 was safe, and it was the cause of extensive illnesses and even death, especially in those who worked in the immediate area. Numerous similar examples exist to support my opinion that the fracking process should be ceased at once, the waste banned, and disposed of responsibly, NOT on our streets.

We shouldn't even be taking more fossil hydrocarbons out of the Earth. We need instead to focus harder on creating renewable energy alternatives for all of our communities.

Thank you,
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