

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

I am writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 103 An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in CT and thereby advance legislation to prohibit storage and transfer of fracking waste in the state of Connecticut.

The temporary fracking ban is about to expire in July and we need the legislature to act in order to permanently extend the protections in this ban.

This issue is one that needs to be addressed at the state level (where the expertise of such complex issues is much greater than what is available at the local level and where the federal government has failed to act). Local towns across Connecticut are taking this issue up on their own because of the concern that the Connecticut legislature will not act in time. This is an important issue. Please take the lead and create a consistent standard to protect residents throughout our state.

Fracking companies across the country are seeking locations outside their own state where they can bury these toxic waste materials. Do not allow Connecticut to become the place where these companies deposit and transfer this harmful waste within and across our state borders.

Fracking waste is dangerous and lethal to those around it. I urge your committee to protect our state and its residents.

Sincerely, Karen Giannuzzi, 39 Perkins Road, Greenwich, CT