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To: Members of the Senate Environment Committee

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Dear Committee Members,

We strongly support SB 103 and urge you to pass this bill. Connecticut is not an appropriate location for the storage or treatment of fracking waste, nor for the use of any form of fracking waste products. As a densely populated state in a congested and ecologically sensitive area of the country, CT cannot afford to trust the fossil fuel industry to safeguard our soil, waterways, groundwater and people. We must do that ourselves by preventing the entry of highly toxic fracking waste products into the state.

There are several concerns we have about any fracking wastewater entering our area. First, spills and accidents will inevitably happen over time, and as we know from Greenwich's experience, cleanup is extremely costly and time-consuming. We see no reason to risk it. Second, the proprietary nature of many fracking chemicals means that even after treatment in CTWs, we cannot be sure that the wastewater passed along to POTWs and into our waterways is safe. Third, the use of waste brine products as road treatments risks adding heavy metals and radioactive elements to soil and water bordering treated roads. Those materials persist in the environment, particularly the heavy metals, and will aggregate year by year.

We feel that no financial benefit from allowing fracking waste into CT can outweigh the costs such an act is likely to incur. Please pass SB 103.

Yours,

Holly and John Greenfield