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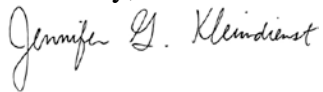
Dear Honorable Sen. Miner, Sen. Kennedy, Rep. Demicco, and distinguished members of the Environment Committee,

I urge you today to vote to move Senate Bill 103, "An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in CT," out of committee, and to vote yes on it if it comes to the floor. If passed, this bill would prohibit the receipt, collection, storage, treatment, and disposal of waste from hydraulic fracturing within the state of Connecticut.

SB 103 impacts all communities in Connecticut. While we are not subject to hydraulic fracturing itself in our state, pressures from other states are growing to store, transport, and/or treat this highly toxic waste within our state. There have even been proposals to spread fracking brine on roads or mix fracking waste solids into construction fill, both of which would be detrimental to all who live in our state.

Please permanently ban toxic and radioactive hydraulic fracturing waste in Connecticut. Our environment, health, property values, town and state budgets cannot afford the accidents, spills, leaks, and inadequate treatment followed by discharge that are contaminating other states. There are thousands of spills in other states with regulations and some waterways have already turned radioactive. We need to ban this waste in Connecticut so we don't face the same contamination problems here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer G. Kleindienst".

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