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Re: Senate Bill 103, An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut

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

I write to you with a simple message regarding Senate Bill 103, An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut. I am writing from New London, one of the 36 towns in the state that has already passed a fracking waste ban.

We passed the fracking waste ban in New London to protect ourselves from becoming a toxic waste dumping site, to protect our families and the value of our homes. We passed the fracking waste ban in New London in the interest of protecting clean water and our environment, and to initiate the transition from carbon-based fuels to renewable energy sources, especially wind and solar.

We could see inaction coming at the federal level, and we wanted to get organized and take control of our own future. We passed the fracking waste ban to send a message to would be polluters and dumpers, and those who use fracking waste fluid as a road de-icer, to make it clear that their activities are not allowed in our community.

It would be wonderful to see SB 103 passed to protect the entire state instead of leaving that work to individual towns. Please help us permanently ban toxic, radioactive fracking waste in CT. 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 on a regular and horrifying basis.

We need to ban this waste in CT so we don't face the same contamination problems here.

Sincerely,
Andrew Lopez

