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In support, with modifications, of **Raised Bill No. 103 LCO No. 888:**
An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut.

Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner, Representative Demicco, and Members of the Environment Committee,

I support the passage, with modifications, of **Raised Bill No. 103 LCO No. 888**, AAC Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut. I suggest it be amended to include banning all oil and gas drilling, extraction, and storage wastes, among other provisions.

I am fortunate that the Town of Bloomfield, where I live, has already enacted an ordinance prohibiting this waste from our town. However, it is time for people in all of Connecticut's 169 municipalities to be similarly protected, now and for the future.

In its current iteration, Raised Bill 103 proposes to ban waste from one process, hydraulic fracturing, and only from gas wells.

Bloomfield's ordinance defines hydraulic fracturing as

"the fracturing of underground rock formations, including shale and non-shale formations, by man-made fluid-driven techniques for the purpose of stimulating oil, natural gas, or other subsurface hydrocarbon production,"

and natural gas extraction activities as

"all geologic or geophysical activities related to the exploration for or extraction of natural gas, including, but not limited to, core and rotary drilling and hydraulic fracturing"

Further, the ordinance enacts the following prohibitions:

- (a) The application of natural gas waste or oil waste, whether or not such waste has received approval for use by DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) or any other regulatory body, on any road or real property located within the town for any purpose is prohibited.
- (b) The introduction of natural gas waste or oil waste into any wastewater treatment facility within the town is prohibited.
- (c) The introduction of natural gas waste or oil waste into any solid waste management facility within the town is prohibited.
- (d) The sale, acquisition, storage, handling, treatment and/or processing of natural gas waste or oil waste within the town is prohibited.

Surely Raised Bill 103, a statewide law, can and should be strengthened to include these changes. I urge you to do so, and then to pass it out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

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