

SB 103 Testimony

Honorable Senator Miner, Senator Kennedy, Representative Demicco and distinguished members of the Environment Committee.

My name is Ally Sexton and I am resident of Glastonbury.

I am asking that you all support Senate Bill 10, An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in CT. This bill would prohibit the receipt, collection, storage, treatment and disposal of waste from hydraulic fracturing here in Connecticut.

We need to permanently ban toxic, radioactive fracking 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 have been hundreds if not thousands of spills in other states, leaving waterways and aquifers radioactive or otherwise contaminated.

We need to ban this waste in Connecticut so we don't face the same contamination problems here. Senate Bill 103 has a chance of changing state law and creating a permanent ban of waste from one process, hydraulic fracturing, from gas wells only.

As I understand it, 36 towns, including Glastonbury, have passed ordinances banning such fracking waste from their communities, and over 15 more towns are considering similar ordinances. The problem is: fracking waste knows nothing about arbitrary town line boundaries. If one town bans fracking waste from its community, and the adjacent town does not, even without a spill, the waste can make its way into the neighboring town's aquifers and waterways.

Only a statewide ban on the receipt, collection, storage, treatment and disposal of waste from hydraulic fracturing will do for Connecticut residents. Please support S.B. 103 and urge your colleagues to do the same.

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