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

We are writing to express our **support** of Senate Bill 103 "An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in CT". We are deeply concerned about the significant and damaging impacts on the people, land, air, and water in Connecticut if the transporting, storing, treating, or disposing of wastes from fracking is permitted within the state.

Wastes created from fracking often contain toxic and radioactive materials, and thus pose incredible risks to health and to the environment. In the transporting of these waste products, there is an inherent risk of derailments or crashes which increases the possibility of harmful chemicals leaking into our groundwater and polluting our air.

Access to clean water is a human right. Allowing for the transportation, storing, treating or disposing of fracking wastes in Connecticut would put our water sources in danger. This in turn would pose a risk to the realization of our human right to clean water, for this and future generations.

As people of faith, we are concerned for the care of the earth. Hydraulic fracturing, and the dangerous byproducts that are created in the process, is destructive to our environment. To help protect our land, air, and water, we believe it is imperative to permanently ban hydraulic fracturing waste in Connecticut. We have the responsibility to act in a way that promotes health and safety for our earth and all of its inhabitants.

We urge you to permanently ban fracking waste in Connecticut. The risks are just too great. We thank you for considering the health and wellbeing of the residents of Connecticut, as well as the care of our precious natural resources, when you vote on this important bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our **support of Senate Bill 103**.

Respectfully submitted,

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