

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

Please permanently ban toxic, radioactive fracking waste in Connecticut.

36 Connecticut towns have passed ordinances banning fracking waste, including my town of Andover, and over 15 more towns are working to pass similar ordinances. When people learn about the serious health and environmental dangers of fracking waste, they overwhelmingly do not want this substance in their communities.

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

A town which has an ordinance banning fracking waste cannot be protected from waste which might be released in a neighboring town. Once fracking waste gets into the waterways, the soil, and the groundwater, it will not be able to be contained. Fracking waste knows no boundaries or town lines. This is why Connecticut needs a statewide ban.

The toxins and radioactivity will be taken in by plants and animal, and up the food chain, ultimately reaching human bodies. The list of serious health problems caused by fracking waste is extensive and well documented.

Please protect Connecticut residents from the hazards of fracking waste by passing Senate Bill 103.

Thank you,

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