



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

Before Coventry passed our Fracking Waste Ban, I canvassed with 4 other women to collect petition signatures to call a Special Town Meeting and Vote. We did this because we did not trust that our elected leaders would support the strong prohibitions that we wanted passed. We thought the town manager might want to use this waste on our roads, ignoring that it can be contaminated with chemicals, toxins and radioactivity, and is not being tested properly.

We collected 300 signatures very quickly. Like so many towns, the **vast** majority of people wanted the ban, Republicans and Democrats. Our small group of advocates grew to include a recently retired Congregational Church minister, friends, neighbors and family members.

About 90 registered voters showed up in Coventry for the Special Town Meeting and the vote was **unanimous**.

We were the first town to pass a ban East of the River, second in CT. Since then a total of 37 towns have passed Fracking Waste Bans. Myself and my core group have gone on to assist friends in other towns who also wanted the same protections. When the public was able to vote on a Fracking Waste Ban in their town, the vote has almost always been unanimous or close to it. The same can be said for town leaders who have voted to pass bans.

CT residents do not want fracking waste in their communities. They don't want it used on their roads, or as fill at construction sites. They do not want it seeping into their aquifers or run-off in their rivers. They don't want extra tanker trucks crowding highways bringing this waste to treatment locations in our state. They don't want storage tanks or transfers in their towns, where accidents often occur.

By passing SB 103 you will be permanently banning what was written in the 2014 moratorium. This is a good second step. Please consider if this is the best you can do to take care of Connecticut residents' health and environment. Our town budgets and the state budget can't afford "good enough" right now. With the strongest language possible, you will also gain trust with Connecticut's people and make them proud to have you as their champions.

Respectfully,

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