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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 753**

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Cohen and Representative Demicco, Vice-Chairs Senator Kushner and Representative Gresko, Ranking Members Senator Miner and Representative Harding, and Distinguished members of the Environment Committee,

I am submitting testimony today in support of SB 753. AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE BAN ON FRACKING WASTE - To expand the state-wide fracking ban to apply to all gas and oil extraction activities and to assure that such ban is permanent.

We have seen the devastating environmental and health problems that result from toxic radioactive fracking waste in other states. Ultimately, people suffer as their health deteriorates and their property values plummet. Spills and leaks of fracking wastes into waterways continue to occur even in states with regulations. Those companies responsible never fully complete the clean up and end up leaving it to the citizens and state legislators to find the funds to repair their environment, which takes decades.

I urge you to permanently ban all toxic radioactive fracking waste in CT.

Please don't allow CT to be put in the precarious position of becoming the next victim of contamination from toxic radioactive fracking wastes and support S.B. 753 by unanimously voting this bill out of committee.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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