

Finalize Statewide Ban on Fracking Waste and Hold a Public Ceremony

June 28, 2019

Dear Governor Lamont:

We applaud the recent action taken by the General Assembly to permanently ban hydraulic fracturing and other oil and gas well extraction wastes. We write to urge you to sign Public Act 19-112 swiftly.

We appreciate that legislative leaders have acted to protect the entire state with a bill that is modeled after local legislative bans passed in 58 Connecticut cities and towns throughout the past several years. The bill passed in the Senate 36-0 and in the House 147-1.

Seven New York County legislatures passed and amended similar language from 2012-2015, expanding on legislation passed by the State of Vermont in 2012.

Given the huge amount of support that has come from local elected leaders, local commissions, grassroots groups, private citizens, state non-profit advocates and state legislators, we request an opportunity to celebrate with you publicly to sign Public Act 19-112 into law.

There are many throughout Connecticut who wish to congratulate and celebrate strong community and state leadership on this issue, and we are eager to recognize you as a national leader on protecting the environment and our public health.

The undersigned,

Food & Water Watch

Conservation Coalition

Progressive Democrats of America

PACE (People's Action for Clean Energy)

West Hartford Citizens for a Waste Ban

St. John's Episcopal Church, Vernon, CT

Grassroots Environmental Education

Save Our Water CT

No Fracking Waste Coventry

Indivisible (ICT4)

CT Shoreline Indivisible

Green Party of New Milford

Ban Fracking Waste Committee, New Milford, CT

Eastern CT Green Action

Norwalk River Watershed Association
Protect Our Pollinators
Sustainable Living Committee of Unitarian Universalist Society: East
First Congregational Church, Guilford
350 CT
TALK-Truth in Action with Love and Kindness, Glastonbury
Andover No Frack Waste
Guilford Peace Alliance
CT League of Conservation Voters
CT Citizen Action Group
League of Women Voters of Northeastern Connecticut
Sierra Club Connecticut
Portland Clean Energy Task Force
Norman Bloom and Son Oysters, LLC
Environmental Justice Committee, Lebanon Congregational Church
Environmental Ministry Team, Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ
CREA: Center Reflection Education Action
Interreligious Eco-Justice Network
No Fracking Waste Madison
New London Green Party
Newtown Sustainable Energy Commission
No Frack Waste Hebron
Town of Windham Energy Commission
Guntown Nature Preserve Group
Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice
Southbury Land Trust
Windsor Citizens for a FRACKING Waste Ban
Wethersfield Women for Progress
No Fracking Waste, Clinton, CT
Greenwich Conservation Advocates
Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment
No Frack Waste Hampton
TACT (Take Action CT)
Town of Pomfret

Waste not Frack not Hamden
Pomfret Green Team
Shoreline Green Party
Newtown Environmental Action Team
Pequabuck River Watershed Association
Sustainable Durham
Collaborative Center for Justice
No Frack Waste Middletown
Clean Water Action
Sustainable Westport Advisory Team (Town of Westport)
Center for Biological Diversity
People Demanding Action
United Church of Christ Northeast Environmental Justice Center
Southbury Local Ordinance Organizer
The Gunntown Group - Naugatuck
CT Fracked Gas Pipeline Group
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo
School Sisters of Notre Dame Cooperative Investment Fund
Rivers Alliance
Mill River Wetland Committee
Sunrise Connecticut
Sunrise Movement New Haven
No Frack Waste in Redding CT
Wolcott Citizens for a Waste Ban
Climate Reality Project Southern CT Chapter
Mill River Wetland Committee
Great Meadows Conservation Trust
Greenwich Democratic Town Committee