

Jason Stephens, Chair
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
77 South High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

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Written Opponent Testimony for HB 282 of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee for Thursday 5/27/21 @10am - Room 017

Chairman Stephen:

I am surprised that the Energy and Natural Resources Committee would ever consider voting on making HB 282 law. You have already seen from the test results of this fracking by-product (Aqua Salina) how radioactive it is. I am sure you are aware that this product is used for and will continued to be used for dust control, in public restrooms and as a road de-icer. You must realize that it is breathed in, used on sidewalks and parking lots, and by these means it is tracked into yards where family pets, beehives, etc. are. It is also tracked into homes where children crawl on floors where this radioactivity lies.

As a result there will be more cases of cancer. This is not something that you want to be responsible for especially if your child or grandchildren are affected and die as a result of its use.

Because of these serious health concerns, I met with Medina City Council last year and gave them all the test results and the Rolling Stone article. As a result, the City Council decided that they would discontinue using Aqua Salina. I also met with my Sharon Township Trustees and they, too, realize how dangerous this product is and they have said they will never use it in Sharon Township. Former State Representative, Steve Hambley, who is now a Medina County Commissioner, also voiced his concerns and was not in favor of legalizing this radioactive product.

On behalf of myself, my family and all residents of Ohio, I respectfully request that for the health and safety of all Ohioans as well as the environment, you do not pass HB 282 as Aqua Salina is deadly to humans, nature and the environment including our air, water and soil.

Sincerely

Katharine Jones
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Board Member OHCRN

