

To Chairman Stephens, Vice-Chair, Ranking Member and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 171 that would commercialize or commodify spreading toxic radioactive oil and gas waste.

I am a resident of Chagrin Falls, a mother and grandmother, and past Executive Director of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources tests show that liquid waste from oil and gas wells. contains high levels of radioactive Radium. I can't imagine that anyone would feel such waste used as a product is safe for Ohio residents to use or to have spread on surfaces for any purpose. At a time when the quality of our drinking water needs to be carefully protected, the idea of exempting companies that sell oil and gas liquid waste from regulations that already are lax is hard to imagine And that the toxicity is from high levels of Radium makes such a proposal unconscionable.

As someone who has worked hard to educate our citizens about the importance of caring for and protecting our water, land and air, I want to go on record as opposing Senate Bill 171.

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