

**Written Testimony of Timothy Flynn of Torrington, CT,
Before the Connecticut General Assembly Environment Committee,
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Testimony in support of:
**Senate Bill 212, AN ACT SIMPLIFYING CERTAIN RECORDING
REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE BOTTLE BILL**

Good morning Senator Meyer, Representative Roy and members of the Environment Committee.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak to the committee today in support of SB 212, AN ACT SIMPLIFYING BOTTLE BILL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

I'm Timothy Flynn of Torrington, owner of Mount Claire LLC, a bottled water and soft drink dispensing company. We are Connecticut's oldest bottled water company and this year marks 104 years in operation.

Our company's predominate market is the delivery of returnable five gallon spring water bottles and cooler leasing to residences and businesses in the Northwest Corner and Farmington Valley.

We also provide private label half pint and half liter spring water to educational facilities, health care and financial institutions, inns, other businesses, and non-profit organizations. Our private label business however, takes us to other parts of the state, as far away as Danbury, West Haven and West Hartford. In most cases, this water is given out at no cost to consumers. It is used mainly as a promotional item by my customers or used as a donation at local events.

When the CT Bottle Bill was expanded to include water bottles, an exemption was made for suppliers of 250,000 or fewer containers per year. An application for this exemption was part of the requirement for the bill. Until this past year, I grouped all my sales for my customers and my company under one exemption. I also submitted the required copies of the bottle labels (mine and my customers) as per the Department of Environmental Protection exemption approval process.

Last December, I was notified that I had to have my customers fill out the application, have it notarized and submitted to the Department.

By passage of **SB 212**, I would be able to continue the practice of doing the work for my customers. I feel that one submission instead of ten or more would be easier for the Department of Environmental Protection to process and still meet the requirements intended.

One customer involved only purchased 480 bottles last year and this would save work for everyone on such a small amount. Today, with such an urgent need to use limited resources to the utmost efficiency, this could be one small part to help.

I would like to thank the Environment Committee for your consideration on this matter. Your approval of **SB 212** would be greatly appreciated. If the Committee has any questions I would be glad to answer them.

Thank you,

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