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My testimony in support of Substitute SB 422: An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water

Hearing date: Friday, March 11, 2016

Co-Chair Senator Osten and Co-Chair Representative Miller, Vice Chairs, Ranking Members and Members of the Planning and Development Committee, OR Members of the Planning and Development Committee:

I am writing in support of the **Substitute Water Bill SB 422** to ask that you consider the substitute language submitted by Senator Beth Bye.

Water is a public resource that belongs to the people. Please do not allow it to be privatized for corporate profit.

- Please **ensure that residential drinking water is prioritized** in the event of a drought.
- Please **rescind water rate discounts for water bottlers.**
- Please **Rescind the *Special Sewer Service Charge* discount for water bottlers (now known as the *Clean Water Project Charge*).**
- Please **Re-establish a citizen MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) watch dog committee.**
- Please **Impose a moratorium on any new large capacity agreements** until the State Water Plan is completed and addresses the issue of water bottling companies diverting water out of watersheds.

Thank you for protecting your constituents.

Sincerely,

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