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RE: Water Bill SB 422: An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water
Support for Substitute SB 422

TO: Planning and Development Committee

I am in support of SB 422, but with substitute language:

- 1) In this time of climate change, there is no guarantee that we will not experience drought conditions severe enough to curtail water usage. The resident users of our water supply are the ones who should be protected if a Drought Advisory is declared; **under no circumstances should protection be given to water bottlers.** The amount of water they would use could prove disastrous.
- 2) **Water bottlers would use excessive amounts of our water,** and they add greatly to the serious problem we already have with plastic pollution. They would continue make a profit while our residents would be conserving water, yet paying more. **There should be no water rate discounts for water bottlers.**
- 3) CT residents have been paying for years to build infrastructure for clean water. **It is essential that the Special Sewer Service Charge discount for water bottlers be rescinded.**
- 4) **Residents have the right to demand a citizen committee to watch over the MDC.**
- 5) There are many issues concerning water bottling companies in CT. Prime among them is **the completion of a State Water Plan to address the issue of such companies diverting water from our watersheds.** Considering that, **there should be a moratorium on any new large capacity agreements.**

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.