

To: Planning and Development Committee
From: Catherine Lyons, 59 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield, CT
Date of Hearing: Friday, March 11, 2016
**Bill Name: An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public
Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled
Water, Bill No. SB422**

I am writing in support for Substitute SB 422. We need to protect and defend our public water supply as our precious natural resource, not as a profit making ingredient that feeds corporate greed. Please help your constituents to:

- **Protect residents, not water bottlers during a drought.** If the DPH declares a Drought Advisory, the production of bottled water for export out of state needs to stop.
- **Rescind water rate discounts for water bottlers.** They extract large amounts of our municipal water and spring water, fill the environment with plastic pollution, and profit while citizens are conserving and paying more.
- **Rescind the *Special Sewer Service Charge* discount for water bottlers (now known as the *Clean Water Project Charge*).** CT ratepayers have paid for years to build infrastructure for clean water; no discounts for corporations.
- **Re-establish a citizen MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) watch dog committee.**
- **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,
Catherine Lyons