

To the Planning and Development Committee:

My name is: Charles Graham, and I reside at; 34 Wilton Road in Windsor CT. I am also an MDC customer. The date of the hearing for Bill SB422 is March 11, 2016 at 11:00 am.

I'm writing today to express my sincere objection to the way our public water supply, which is so critical to the well being of our communities, is being treated as a commercial asset so that a private corporation can make a profit. I'm distressed that the MDC would even consider this, and I want to provide my support for Senator Bye's substitute water bill SB422. To provide hundreds of thousands of gallons from our public water supply to ensure a hospital can function properly is necessary. But to sell the water to a company to re-bottle and sell for profit is not. Not to mention the litter and waste resulting from the plastic bottles that will be produced from the manufacturing facility.

Points to consider in this bill are:

- **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.

I submit this with all due respect along with my deep concern for the protection of our public water supply for our residents and businesses who rely on this water supply. Please consider Sen. Bye's substitute bill and all the points presented. And together we can protect our state water for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Graham