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RE: Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply  
Emergencies and Sellers of Bottled Water Bill SB422

Dear Planning and Development Committee:

I am writing to address concerns about the MDC and the Water deal with Niagra water, as you know somehow Niagra water is negotiating with MDC and getting more favorable terms than tax holders. This was all done without much say by the people that pay the taxes and keep this state moving. While I agree we need jobs we do not need them at the expense of our water. Water is a resource that we should hold dear and if anything companies like Niagra should be charged a premium for the resources CT has. While we look at the people of Flint Michigan and say it can't happen here, it is happening here. We are allowing a greedy CEO of MDC to negotiate without accountability and one day when the drought happens I will be paying for my bottled water.

Stop the madness, we are losing things left and right if water is a great CT resource negotiate it correctly and not at the detriment of the citizens that sustain this state. If fully support Senator Beth Bye's revisions (Protect Residents first, Rescind Water discount essentially it is just another tax on us, create a watch dog for a group that is obviously not being watched right now and everything else) and you know that you need to also. Make the right decisions before we lose everything we have here.

We count on you to do the right thing and so did the citizens of Flint for their elected officials that didn't go so well, don't make the wrong decision it is a matter of life or death on this one.

Sincerely,

*Christina Verner*