

Comments on SB422

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The MDC was created as a public, non-profit cooperative to provide clean water on a regional basis. The towns that belong to this cooperative have spent millions in time and treasure to ensure access to clean water for our communities. I don't understand how one town in the cooperative can sell its share of a common resource; nor do I understand how a for-profit company is being allowed to benefit from the money and efforts of our communities.

That said, I certainly agree that the Niagara water company should not be allowed to buy our water at a hugely discounted rate, or continue to pump water during a time of water shortage.

I support SB422 and feel that language should be inserted into the bill that makes it illegal for any town belonging to the cooperative to sell a resource that it does not wholly own without the consent of all the towns belonging to the shared cooperative.

Sincerely,

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