

Water is a public resource, designated for public consumption. I am writing in opposition to the Niagara Bottling Company's plans to establish a water bottling company in Bloomfield, CT and in opposition to SB422.

It is common in our era for elected officials to partner with private interests and make decisions that are neither known to the public nor good for the public. In the town of Bloomfield it is a known fact that the Town Council which has a sinecure and is able to be re-elected year after year uses the Town Attorney and executive session to strategize against the needs and rights of its citizens. Their deliberations often held in secret are controversial to say the least.

Further, the nature of this business is to continue to build up the unacceptable levels of plastic refuse in the world's landfills. For that reason alone, the public should be informed of the long-term consequences of this decision. But equally important, the use of water on our planet should be mindful of generations to come as they experience critical water shortages in the next few decades. Even if our region is not threatened, other parts of the world will be in drought within 30 years.

I am hoping that the State Legislature will think this through carefully with an eye toward our children and grandchildren's well being.

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