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

Support for Substitute SB 422, Legislative Hearing Friday March 11th at 11 AM

Dear Planning and Development Committee,

I support Senator Bye's Substitute water bill SB 422. Our local water supply is a public resource and should not be sold so that private companies can make a profit. As a citizen in this community for over ten years my tax dollars have gone towards building and maintaining a safe and clean water supply. In no way should there be any discounts given to water bottlers who contribute to polluting the environment with plastic and use up our municipal water supply for profit. Both the water rate discount and special sewer service charge discount should be rescinded for large volume users.

Also, there should be consideration on the long term effects of selling our municipal water supply to water bottlers. Additional research should be done before any more of these types of agreements are made. What happens during a drought? The tax paying residents need to be protected. Bottler's should not be allowed to continue using our water in a drought situation.

We need legislation that will stop any company from coming into Connecticut and purchasing water for less than the taxpayer and a law that will protect who can make decisions about our state's water supply.

I urge you to consider this important bill.

Sincerely,

Corinne Bowie