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An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and The Sellers of Bottled Water.

“Support for Substitute SB 422”

To: Planning and Development Committee;

- **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 water 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 our watersheds.

Sincerely,

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