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An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water) and "Support for Substitute SB 422".

Legislative Hearing Friday March 11th at 11 AM

To:

Planning and Development Committee

I am writing in support of Sen. Bye's Substitute "Water Bill" SB 422. I concur with the Bloomfield Citizens that the MDC contract with Niagra will create an environmental hazard. MDC is a poorly run quasi company. Water is essential for human survival. There are so many well documented articles and studies discussing our global, and our country's problems with diminishing access to water. I cannot believe that such a foolhardy, wasteful use of such a precious resource, water, would be even considered. I endorse the "alternative Support for Substitute SB 422".

- 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 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 watersheds.

Sincerely,

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