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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 the honorable chairs and members of the Planning and Development Committee. My name is Elena Filson I am a Junior at Hall High School in West Hartford Connecticut. I am writing in opposition to the use of public water by the private company Niagra to sell plastic water bottles to the public. Here are the reasons why I am opposed:

- The fact that if a drought were to occur we would not be focusing on funding our people but instead funding the water bottles is absurd. When water shortages occur we need to focus on preserving our water not over producing water bottles.
- The amount of plastic pollution that is going to go into this process is terrible for our environment. As a state I would like to think of as educated on environmental matters I would feel ashamed if I knew that my “home” was hurting our earth this way. It all comes down to the simple questions of; why are people willing to buy plastic water bottles when we are privileged enough to basically get water for free?
- Connecticut citizens have been paying money to build infrastructure for clean water, they were paying this money thinking it would not be going towards corporations. It is deceiving the people of connecticut if you follow through with this company.
- Considering how bad plastic water bottles are for the environment, I suggest a 1 cent per bottle tax on bottled water. This money can go towards water infrastructure and help move recycling along.

Please consider my thoughts and help connecticut stay a state that people are proud to live in.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Elena Filson