

To: Planning and Development Committee

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

Planning and Development members,

Please consider that water should be available equally to all residents of Connecticut. Large users such as bottling companies should not be allowed to have preference over residential users during times of drought.

Bottling companies should not receive discounted rates for the water they draw nor discounts for sewer service especially since such companies discharge large amounts of chemical residue generated from producing plastic bottles. Discounting water and sewer service rates for large users such as bottling companies that will sell the water at a profit and overburden the sewer treatment system facilities is a direct exploitation of residential rate payers who are shown no favoritism. In fact, a surcharge should be considered applicable to customers who overburden the system both with extreme extraction and polluted effluent.

In the case of the MDC, a watch dog committee should be re-established to ensure that the public's water is not jeopardized through favoritism.

In the meantime until a State Water Plan is established and passed, a moratorium on new large capacity agreements should be imposed.

Respectfully,

Jane R. Low