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

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Support for Substitute SB422

To the Planning and Development Committee,

I support the Substitute Water Bill SB422.

Our water is a public resource. It is imperative that we protect residents and our environment, not a water bottling business. If the DPH issues a Drought Advisory, the extraction from our water resources and the production of bottled water for export needs to STOP.

Rescind the water rate discount for the water bottlers. Our municipal water and natural spring waters should not be utilized for profit while citizens pay more and are asked to conserve to protect environments from drought. Bottling pollutes during production and after disposal. It is unconscionable that in 2016 we are still promoting business that harms our air, soil and water systems today and in the future. Think forward!

Rescind the Clean Water Project Charge discount for water bottlers. If CT ratepayers are required to pay, so should corporations.

An citizen Watch Dog committee is a must! Citizens have a right to know what is going on with their water resources and should have a citizen committee to make sure that all agreed on regulations are being met by the water bottling business.

Our watersheds are precious us and to all of our state's varied wildlife AND their life cycles. No watershed waters should be allowed to be diverted. Impose a moratorium until the State Water Plan has been completed and addresses issues.

I implore you, committee members, to take a step back, think about the bigger picture, and do what is right for our residents, our environment and the future of our water resources.