

Connecticut General Assembly
Planning and Development Committee
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SB – 422 An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply
Emergencies and Sellers of Bottled Water.

My name is John Chunis. I live at 40 Deerfield Run, Rocky Hill, CT. I am testifying in support of this bill.

While I am unable to attend the Public Hearing, I would like my opinion to be considered.

Large commercial water uses should not be exempt from the regulations that are imposed on residential users. It makes no sense that they should be exempt from the sewer fee just because they bottle the water and don't send it down the drain. Residential users have swimming pools, garden and lawn sprinklers which constitutes the bulk of their use and also don't send that water down the drain, but we still have to pay for the sewer fee.

Also, during emergency events, residential use must get priority as personal health, hygiene, and even life may be at stake. We may have an abundant supply now, but there have been times in the past during drought conditions when voluntary water bans were implemented. There will be droughts in the future. A single large customer using 1.8 million gallons of water a day would create a critical shortage instantly. We actually should be discouraging these kinds of companies from coming into our state to rape our natural resources. I am surprised that the MDC has even considered this and they should be reprimanded.

Please pass this bill.

Thank you for considering my opinions.