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Bill # SB422: Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and Sellers of Bottled Water

Hearing Date: March 11th, 2016 at 11am

“Support for Substitute SB422”

Dear Planning and Development Committee members,

It deeply concerns me that residents of our community need to literally take measures, such as this letter, to direct our trusted officials on how to react to temptations presented by private entities. But here it goes!

As the residents in Flint, MI can attest to, messing with the water supplying feeding a large community can be a dangerous proposition: not only are there environmental risks, but it's often difficult to later reverse certain actions taken that prove to have been bad decisions. (It's difficult to get the toothpaste back in the tube once it's out!) We choose to live in this community for specific reasons, one being our local water supply. This is something we should not be willing to bid out to local lobbyists, regardless of the potential profits or promises made on environmental impacts. Quite frankly, if this were a topic during previous elections, I would not have voted for anyone proposing this proposal.

This needs to stop and not go forward. We are not looking to sell our water for profit...we are more interested in having clean water to drink – something I'm sure the residents of Flint, MI would also like. Don't fall for the temptation – I'm sure the powers in Flint that made the decisions made for financial gain are wishing they had the opportunity to reconsider. This is your opportunity to reconsider.

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