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Bill Name:

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

Support for Substitute SB 422

To: Planning and Development Committee

I'm writing to you in support of SUBSTITUTE SB 422 as submitted by Senator Beth Bye.

I have been a resident/tax payer of West Hartford and MDC rate payer/customer of the MDC for 25 years.

I'm requesting the following so that our most precious resource is protected AND so that the MDC is FORCED to look out for the citizens of this state.

As a Connecticut resident I'm appalled at the MDC's recent actions concerning the Niagara Bottling Company.

I'm supporting this substituted bill because I believe the following actions MUST be taken:

Protect residents, not water bottlers during a drought. If the DPH declares a Drought Advisory, the production of bottled water for export out of the state needs to cease.

Rescind water rate discounts for water bottlers. They extract large amounts of our municipal water and spring water, fill the environment with plastic pollution, and profit while citizens are conserving and PAYING MORE – outrageous.

Rescind the *Special Sewer Service Charge* discount for water bottlers (now known as the Clean Water Project Charge). CT ratepayers have paid for years to build infrastructure for OUR clean water; no discounts for corporations.

Re-establish a citizen MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) watch dog committee.

Impose a moratorium on any new large capacity agreements until the State Water Plan is completed and addresses the issue of water bottling companies diverting water out of watersheds.

Please protect our most precious resource.

Thank you,
Kim Waggoner