

To the Planning & Development Committee.

Legislative Hearing Friday March 11th at 11 AM

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

Support for Substitute SB 422

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The bill as raised in the committee requires revision. Please show your support for the raised bill but with substitute language. Please consider the following:

- **We need to protect residential and emergency water supplies.** If in the event DPH declares a Drought Advisory, then production of bottled water should not be allowed to continue without restriction.
- **Stop volume water rate discounts.** We should be encouraging water conservation not encouraging for profit consumption of municipal water and/or spring water.
- **Stop *Special Sewer Service Charge* discounts (now known as the *Clean Water Project Charge*).** CT ratepayers have paid for years to build infrastructure for clean water. There should be no extra discounts for commercial operations.
- **The MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) treats our valuable water resource as a commodity that must be sold irrespective of any environmental or other impacts. It is time that an independent committee review & oversees the MDC.**
- **Impose a moratorium on any new large capacity, non-residential water usage.** It is imperative that the **State Water Plan** be completed **before** water bottling or other such companies are 'grandfathered in' and allowed to take the State's valuable water resources and sell it with impunity.

Thank-you for your consideration and support!