

Support for Substitute SB 422 : An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water

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Dear Planning and Development Committee,

Please support Substitute Bill SB 422.

As a resident of Bloomfield, I strongly believe citizens should have priority over for-profit businesses, when it comes to our vital, natural resource, of water. **Residents need to be protected during a drought, giving them priority to water over the production of bottled water.**

Please rescind water discount rates for water bottlers. They extract enormous amounts of our municipal water and spring water, fill our precious environment with plastic pollution and make a profit at it, while citizens are conserving and paying a higher price.

Please rescind the *Special Sewer Service Charge* discount for water bottlers (now known as the *Clean Water Project Charge*). We, the CT rate payers, have paid to build an infrastructure over many years so we would have clean water. Please don't give corporations a discount on our investment.

Please re-establish a citizen MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) watch dog committee so there is transparency in the decision making about our water.

Finally, **please 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.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns,

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