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Dear Sen. Cathy Osten & Rep. Philip Miller,

Re:

My support for Sen. Bye's proposed revisions to "Water Bill" SB 422 with substitute language that addresses the following points:

- **Protect residents, not water bottlers during a drought.** If the DPH declares a Drought Advisory, the production of bottled water in CT needs to stop.
- **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.
- **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 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.

I have high expectations for the Metropolitan Water District/MDC. A citizen taxpayer, I vote for my representatives with the expectation they monitor the MDC in order to hold the MDC accountable to function primarily with a mission to steward our community water resource; keenly protect and preserve it as a healthy, economical and enduring water supply for myself, my neighbors in our residential and business communities now and for generations to come!

**I appreciate your attention to this matter.
Sincerely yours,**

Margaret Plaganis