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

SUPPORT FOR SUBSTITUTE SB 422

To: The Planning and Development Committee

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Hartford and customer of MDC. Recent decisions putting our water supply in jeopardy need to be addressed immediately and equitably so that individual customers are not disadvantaged. Specifically:

- 1) Residents must be given highest and first priority in the event of a drought advisory issued by DPH, which means bottling of water for export outside the state must halt.
- 2) Rescinding of water rate discounts for water bottlers.
- 3) Rescinding of the Special Sewer Service Charge Discount for water bottlers.
- 4) Re-establish a citizen MDC watch dog committee.
- 5) 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 appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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