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Subject: SB 422 – An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water

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Connecticut Legislators,

As a lifelong Connecticut resident and longtime customer of the MDC, I am very concerned over the less than transparent process followed and results of the MDC and Town of Bloomfield special deal with Niagara Bottling that allows Niagara to operate a water bottling plant using the water and infrastructure paid for by all MDC customers. For this reason I support SB 422 initiated by Senator Beth Bye. My specific concerns are as follows:

- Commercial Water Bottlers should not be given preferential treatment during a drought – it is ridiculous that Niagara would not have to cut back use until supply reaches 10% when resident customers have to curtail at a much higher level.
- Commercial Water Bottler should not be given a special lower water rate to bottle and send our water out of state – This special rate given to Niagara should be rescinded now.
- Reestablish a citizen MDC watch dog committee - The lack of transparency and deceit involved with this deal demands full disclosure and a citizen committee to monitor future MDC activity.
- Impose a moratorium on any new large water capacity agreements until the state water plan is completed and addresses the issue of water bottling companies diverting our water.

Please support SB 422 to protect our valuable water resources. The long term health and well-being of central CT and its residents depends on clean water being available for future generations.

Sincerely,

Mike Waggoner