

To: Members of the Planning and Development Committee

From: Nancy Audette RSM, 10 Westbrook Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002

Re: Hearing: March 11, 2016

Bill SB422: An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water.

Support for Senator Bye's Substitute "Water Bill" SB422

As a resident of Bloomfield CT, I hereby support Senator Bye's Substitute "Water Bill" SB422 and ask that you, too, support it.

Although the MDC claims today that there is plenty of water available, those of us who are convinced of climate change and know of droughts throughout our country and throughout the world, cannot in conscience support the selling of our water to corporations who will ship it out of CT and make a profit from it with the byproducts of pollution, stress on infrastructure and billions of plastic bottles which will forever pollute CT waters and land. Our water needs to be conserved and protected for the children of today and for their children's children. Water is sacred and we all have a right to it. Without water there is no food, no life!

The substituted language I support is:

- **Protect residents, not water bottlers during a drought.** If the DPH declares a Drought Advisory, the production of bottled water for export out of state 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.

Thank you for listening to the citizens of Bloomfield and other concerned citizens.