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RE: Legislative Hearing Friday March 11th at 11 AM

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

"Support for Substitute SB 422"

Dear Planning and Development Committee,
I am writing, not only to support MDC ratepayers and Connecticut Citizens in addressing the current situation in Bloomfield with this important Bill, but also in response to the current targeting of Watersheds in the Northeast by corporate interest. While I am not a resident of Connecticut, I am a resident of the greater Northeast, and I believe this is effecting us all. More and more communities are suffering as their ground and surface water is polluted by corporate industry, or disappearing in drought.

Please, think bigger than the immediate band-aid of promised income from the privatization of your community's water. In my own community, the people took action at the polls. Elected officials who stood for corporate interest over the people were replaced by leadership with strong values.

It is my understanding that there is some revisions on the table for this bill, and I urge you to follow through with amending the language to protect the people. That is your job, protecting and serving the people. And regardless of the slippery language in the laws you are to follow, I might remind you, corporations are not persons.

- **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.
- **Rescind water rate discounts for single use bottling companies, water and otherwise.** Multi Million dollar companies should not have the right to use municipal water for profit, while depleting that of residential ratepayers are conserving and paying more.
- **Rescind the *Special Sewer Service Charge* discount for Corporate water usage. (now known as the *Clean Water Project Charge*).** CT ratepayers have paid for years to build infrastructure for clean water; no discounts for corporations.

Thank you.

In solidarity with the citizens of Bloomfield, Hartford and neighboring municipalities,

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