

My name is Stephanie Zimmerman. I was a resident of West Hartford from 1999 - 2010. I have made aware of the proposals regarding bottling water from the West Hartford area supplies and I am writing to express my opposition to this plan. Because I am not local I do not have a local representative to whom I can appeal.

The points being made on this bill are:

- **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.

I hope you will consider my testimony alongside those of local and regional opposition.

Sincerely

Stephanie Zimmerman