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The climate of the Earth is changing rapidly in unpredictable ways. Yesterday was the warmest March 9<sup>th</sup> in recorded Connecticut weather history. This is the tip of the iceberg. There will be severe droughts in areas of this country that are already overextended and overpopulated. California, for example, needs to seriously begin implementing widespread desalination efforts. The arrival of California based Niagara water bottling company in our state is a harbinger. Connecticut needs to take immediate steps to safeguard its water supply. SB 422 is a step in the right direction.

I am writing in support of Substitute SB 422 an act concerning residential water rates, public drinking water supply emergencies, and the sellers of bottled water.

I firmly believe the following:

In times of drought, bottling companies should without a doubt be required to shut down operations until the drought has ended.

Bottling companies should receive no discounts on their water nor on their sewer rates.

Since the MDC seems to feel as though they can act without public input, a citizen watch dog committee should be formed to keep their dealings open to the public.

A moratorium on new large capacity agreements should be enacted until the State Water Plan is completed.

Thank you,  
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