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ATTN: Planning and Development Committee

RE: Support for Substitute SB 422 - An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water

I would like to voice my support for the raised bill but with the following provisions included:

- It is important that residents, not water bottlers, have some protection in the event of a drought. If the DPH declares a Drought Advisory, the production of bottled water in CT 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 your consideration,

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