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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: "Substitute" SB 422

I support Senator Beth Bye's "Substitute Water Bill SB 422" because

- I believe we need to protect residents, not **water bottlers, during a drought**. If the Department of Public Health declares a Drought Advisory, production of bottled water out of state should stop.
- **We need to protect residents, not 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.
- **We need to 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.
- **We need to re-establish a citizen MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) watch dog committee**.
- **We need to impose a moratorium on any new large water capacity agreements until the State Water Plan is completed and addresses this issue**.

Thank you.

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