

An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates,Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies
And Sellers Of Bottled Water.

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: Substitute SB422 Hearing March 11,2016

Dear Planning and Development Comittee,

It was brought to my attention that a water bottling company has struck a deal with the town of Bloomfield and it comes at a price that I am not comfortable with. I have attended one of the town council meetings on MondayFeb. 22. at the Bloomfield town hall. I listened and was very impressed by all the people who testified in opposition of the deal going through. I want to join those in opposition of the deal going through and would like to lend my support Substitute SB422 Bill.

The deal as I understand it would let the water bottling company keep using water at a top rate of 1.8million gallons per day and could continue even during drought situations no matter what the consequences are. They could thumb their noses at us and worse sue the town in opposition to continued pumping of water. We need to have it written into law that the citizens of Bloomfield and any other towns effected be protected in times of drought not the water bottling company.

I am also not in favor giving rate discounts to these to water bottling companies that are going to bottle millions of gallons of our precious water and ship it out of state for a huge profit with little economic prosperity for the town of Bloomfield or surrounding towns.

I am in support of imposing a moratorium on any new large capacity agreements at least until the State Water Plan is completed and the concerns of bottling companies taking water out our watersheds.

Please support any legislation that would prevent this from happening in Bloomfield or any other town in Connecticut.

Thank you,

William Strait