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Bill No: **SB422**

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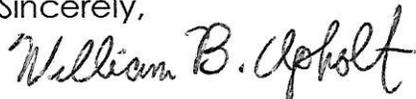
Re: "**Substitute**" **SB 422**

I am a resident of Hartford and a member of the Hartford City Advisory Commission on the environment and former member (now honorary member) of the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network Board. I am very concerned about the lack of control of policies of the MDC and the lack of transparency in the recent negotiations regarding the establishment of a water bottling plant in Bloomfield with discounts for the company. I also oppose the bottling plant because I am convinced because of Climate Change that we need to reduce our use of bottled water and plastic bottles.

I support the following revised language in a substitute SB 422 bill:

- **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.
- **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 water capacity agreements until the State Water Plan is completed and addresses this issue.**

Sincerely,



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