

To: Mr. Morton, Clerk of the CGA Public Health Committee
Fr: Cheryl Dunson

Would you forward this email regarding RB 300 to the members of the committee? Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Dunson

RE: Vote NO on RB 300 An Act Concerning New Britain Water Company Land

Dear Senator Gerrantana, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee:

I am writing to **urge your opposition to RB 300 An Act Concerning New Britain Water Company Land**. This bill would provide an exemption to allow mining on New Britain Water Company lands.

Existing law wisely prohibits mining on reservoir lands due to its potential destructive effects including removing vegetative cover and thereby the benefits of flood control and soil retention; lowering ground and surface water levels as result of quarry operations; and spoiling water quality due to blasting and quarry operations which increases runoff to surface supplies and can enable infiltration of contaminants into groundwater supplies.

Why does this Greenwich resident care about what the New Britain water company is proposing? **If the legislature allows one municipal water company to sidestep our longstanding water protection regulations, then why wouldn't other water companies, either municipal or private, request similar exceptions? Across the state there are companies that want to expand their operations and municipalities that hope to benefit from increased revenues.**

This proposal sets a regulatory-busting precedent for the approximately 120,000 acres of other Class I&II reservoir lands in our state. **Please vote NO on RB 300.**

Sincerely,
Cheryl Dunson
Greenwich, CT