

Raised Senate Bill 427
AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC TRUST COMPONENTS OF THE STATE WATER
PLAN

I am opposed to Senate Bill 427 which would exempt private drinking wells from public trust protection. Additionally, the statement of purpose indicates the purpose is to exempt these wells from regulation by the State Water Plan.

- The bill does not specify the size of the well that would be exempt. Does this include large private utility size wells? No matter the size, water is a moving system . You can't isolate one part of it from another. What happened at UConn is a good example of what can happen when the Fenton River dried up, due in part to the pumping of water from nearby well fields.
- The Connecticut State Water Plan is not a law, it does not regulate anything. Instead it is a document meant to guide and inform those making decisions about Connecticut's water. Nothing in it regulates anything. Only those who's actions endanger our waters need be afraid.
- At he foundation of the State Water Plan is the understanding that water is a precious resource needed for sustaining all life and that management of our water should not be left to chance or controlled by private interests. It needs to be held in trust for the benefit of all people now and for generations to come.

It is simple, no one gets to pollute or exploit our water, not private interests, not public interests and the state is charged with ensuring that doesn't happen. No one gets to be exempt.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this bill.

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