

OPPOSE RAISED SB 427: “An act concerning the public trust components of the state water plan”

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Dear Senators,

I am writing to you in strong opposition to SB 427. Ground Water is a public resource that touches the lives of all Connecticut citizens. Privatization of ground water will undermine the environmental oversight that is essential to such a vital resource. Privatization will allow companies such as Nestle (and others) to mine our water for export and private profit. It will allow well owners to ignore water use restrictions in times of draught.

This is a deliberate attempt violate our CT Statute Section 22a-15: “there is a public trust in the air, water and other natural resources of the state”

Ground water is integral to the health of our rivers, streams, lakes and environment. All decisions regarding its use should be made in scientific and responsible manner. I strongly believe this bill will impair and eliminate the regulatory oversight needed to protect our water and hence our environment.

I come from a town in California that was able to regain control over its environmental water, from a private, non US company, by the proclamation of imminent domain, so please let’s not create that sort of misappropriated ‘ownership’ here in Connecticut. It is a more than a slippery threatening slope to give up our rights as the protectors of our local waters.

Please vote not on SB 427.

Respectfully,

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