

March 13, 2018

Environment Committee

ATTN: Chairmen Sen. Ted Kennedy Jr., Sen. Craig Miner, Rep. Mike Demicco:

Water is a **sacred** public trust which must be secured and available for all people and all living beings. It is not meant for just a few privileged owners to squander or profit from, which is a potential danger lurking in the inclusion of 'except private drinking wells' in SB 427. Water is a public trust and must be safeguarded for all. No one will thrive on this earth if all are not thriving. We are seeing so much destruction of life-giving systems already on this earth, all done in the name of 'might makes right' or 'the powerful will rule'.

Please remove 'except private drinking wells' from your Bill 427. Protecting water for everyone is very important to me.

Thank you for considering my grave concern.

Sincerely,

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