

Senate Bill 427 attempts to privatize all wells in the state, deliberately removing them from the umbrella of the public trust doctrine laid out in CT Statute Section 22a-15: "there is a public trust in the air, water and other natural resources of the state". Large private water utilities with well fields supplying CT drinking water could declare that they "own the groundwater". A major bottling company could purchase lands, drill multiple wells, and escape any regulation while exporting the water out of state for profit. In the case of drought, "well owners" could refuse to comply with any water use restrictions. Withdrawal from wells could impact the surface rivers and reservoirs with which they are hydro-logically connected yet be deemed untouchable as a "private" resource.

Please protect our water for us and future generations. Vote against Bill SB 427.

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