

Date: March 13, 2018

To: Senator Rick Demicco , Chair
Connecticut Legislature Environment Committee

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Re: SB 427: Concerning the Public Trust Components of the State Water Plan

Honorable Members of the Environment Committee:

I am in **strong opposition** to SB 427 which would “privatize” water in all Connecticut wells, thus placing limits on our state environmental protection act. Our state waters are a resource to be protected and managed for all citizens and our current water plan provides a balanced approach to decisions about allocation of these waters, both above and below the ground.

Access to sufficient, safe, clean water is both a current and great future concern in our region. I fear that SB 427 will lead private water utilities and corporate bottling interests to declare that they “own the groundwater”, demanding that their “private” wells be excluded from Connecticut’s Environmental Regulations designed to meet the needs of residents statewide.

With the future of our precious water supply in mind, I urge you to **vote against** any provisions of SB 427 that would privatize this Connecticut resource.

Thank you in advance for voting to assure Connecticut state control of water access for all citizens,

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