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Dear Environment Committee:

This is testimony OPPOSING RAISED SB 427: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC TRUST COMPONENTS OF THE STATE WATER PLAN."

I am a member of the statewide organization Rivers Alliance with headquarters in my town of Litchfield. I have read the Rivers Alliance questions, concerns and comments sent to you re: this bill. I agree 100% with the Rivers Alliance comments on this bill.

In addition, I have been involved in water protection issues in Litchfield since I moved here in 1991. I have NEVER heard from anyone involved in these issues, whether advocating for protection or development, that well water a.k.a. groundwater is not and should not be a public trust. On the contrary, hearings and meetings focus on the need for public protection of groundwater and wells where private development may impact them. The reason is obvious: water flow, whether surface or ground waters, does not stop at a landowner's property line.

Sincerely,

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