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RE: Bill SB427 – An Act concerning Public Trust components of the State Water Plan

To the Environment committee

I am deeply distressed about this bill and the protections that are being reversed on private drinking wells. I see no details as to why private drinking wells would be removed from the public trust protections apart from corporate avarice and short-term thinking.

Water is a shared resource of all citizens, there is no way to distinguish the water that flows in an aquifer under my home from that that flows under the next factory looking to pump chemicals into our environment. Once this resource is destroyed it CANNOT be fixed, one party sucking out this natural resource on their own property depletes it for ALL of us. I am a new American citizen, I came to this country from Africa where public trust does not exist, groundwater is over exploited and poisoned, sometimes accidentally and on purpose and no-one is there to protect it. This bill undermines public trust in this great democracy and scores another victory for unsustainable and insatiable profiteering.

Your committee is our last defense, you have a responsibility to your citizens and your own children to protect these natural resources. WHY would you contemplate reducing these protections on such a critical asset, please tell me and everyone in our state why they are better off with this new bill?

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Lynch', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian Lynch