

Honorable Senator Miner, Senator Kennedy, Representative Dimicco and distinguished members of the Committee,

I am strongly opposed to SB 427 which would limit our environmental protection act, and privatize water in all Connecticut wells.

If this bill were to become law, large private water utilities with well fields supplying Connecticut 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.

Our state waters are a resource to be protected and managed for all - not for water bottling companies to exploit and sell for huge profits, as has been done in other areas of the country.

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