

Good afternoon Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner, Representative Demicco, and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on Environment.

I am writing to express my opposition to SB 427, An Act Concerning Public Trust Components of the State Water Plan.

Water, like air, like wildlife, does not know boundaries. What is taken out of or put into one well may affect the entire aquifer. Connecticut has some large aquifers which not only extend under properties of many owners, but span several towns as well. The State employs educated and trained specialists to manage our resources using science-based best practices, and it is not a good idea to circumvent their authority for the benefit of a person or corporation which could have dire consequences for others, both in the present and in the future.

Water is the foundation of all life, and it is essential to protect it. I hope you will see fit to agree with me that changes to the public trust component of the state water plan is a bad idea.

Thank you for your consideration.

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