

Dear Honorable Senators:

I write in strong opposition to SB 427. This submission stands in direct opposition of the recently submitted state

Comprehensive Water Plan and the efforts of the Water Planning Council and engaged stakeholders. This is a second

attempt to circumvent section 22a-15 of the Connecticut General Statutes the recognizes that air, water and our

natural resources are held in trust for all. The request to exempt private wells from state law is based on the ill founded

idea that private wells exist in isolation of surface water, watershed and open spaces. The owner of a private well did not

create the rain that fills the well that gives value to its water as a commodity and to the well as a renewable resource.

Furthermore, withdrawals or diversions of water from private wells affect its surroundings and the larger picture of our state's

supply. This is well illustrated by the Water Basin Summaries contained in the Comprehensive Water Plan which illustrate the

relationship between supply and demand in our 44 water basins. SB 427 appears to ignore this reality. Oft times we pay

little heed to the natural processes that sustain our water supply and our lives except in time of drought. I ask that you vote

"no" to SB 427 to maintain the public trust.

Respectfully,

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