

Dear Sir/Madam,

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

As an environmentally concerned citizen of the state of Connecticut, I encourage you strongly to reject the proposed Senate Bill 427 which will take the management of water in our State out of its protection as part of the public trust which is enshrined in CT Statute Section 22a-15. Throughout the United States water and its appropriate public protection are becoming a more and more important issue. As climate change, drought, and overuse come to threaten this resource for all citizens, our legislature must take a stand for those whom it represents, the people of Connecticut. The bill as currently written will allow the privatization of all wells. No one person or company can "own" the water to use at it sees fit. Our water is a public resource and belongs to all Connecticut citizens, to be highly regulated by those whom we elect in part to protect it.

Our State Water Plan must protect this resource for future generations and not leave loopholes for abuse by those who would desire to profit for short-term gain. The science exists to back up this need for strong state regulation. All that remains is the required backbone of our representatives to protect our water.

I ask the Environmental Committee to kill this bill as written and to publicly address and strengthen safeguards to protect our future water quality and regulation. A future bill must take into account the "public trust in the air, water and other natural resources of the state".

Sincerely,

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