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**To:** [Iozzo, Richard](#)  
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Dear Mr. Iozzo,

I am writing in response to the Coordinated System Water Plans that were recently released for public comment by the Water Utility Coordinating Committee.

I would like to start by thanking you for the opportunity to send you our comments and I state that I am grateful that you are taking the time to listen. I will not pretend to be an expert in this area, because that I am not. But what I am is a deeply concerned citizen and mother of two small children that has enough foresight and knowledge to be worried for the future of my children, and all children, at the rate we are going.

What I specifically would like to comment on is Section 3.0 under Finished Water Quality. The beginning of the paragraph starts by stating the finished water product is "generally excellent". It continues to state that "most" of the violations are only in reporting and are a one time occurrence. So what of the remainder of violations? How do you propose to take action against the utility companies that have committed unacceptable violations and prevent them from doing so in the future? Do you honestly believe that our water quality should be labeled as excellent?

Also, the paragraph ends by stating,

"There are some areas where arsenic, uranium, radon, and other constituents are of concern." Is there anything being done about this? I know I do not have to go on to list the other forms of contamination in our drinking water that are so clearly listed in the water report we all have access to online. I know I also do not have to list the ways in which these contaminants effect the human body as I'm sure you are well aware these are all carcinogens and neurotoxins. The poisons listed in the report are only a portion of the contaminants actually found in our drinking water, and those are just a portion of those above the "acceptable" level. I apologize for using such harsh terms as "poison" but quite literally, that is what these substances are.

What of the contaminants that are under the supposed acceptable level but are still detectable in our drinking water? May I ask, do you feel safe allowing your family to consume this water? Bottled water is not an acceptable solution to this as you may know, because most people can not afford to buy enough bottled water to bathe and cook with on top of buying water to drink. The citizens of this state pay ever increasing amounts of taxes, and on top of that water bills so that we can have access to water within our homes. We are essentially paying for "water" twice over. Bottled water to drink from the store, and the poison we are forced to cook and shower with. And that is for those of us who know our drinking water contains so much poison. What about the people unknowingly consuming this water on a daily

basis? What is being done to protect them?

In this developed first world country, is it not a basic human right to have access to clean and safe drinking water that we pay for? We are not asking for a lot, only for clean water in return for the fee we pay for that supposed clean water. I do believe in 2018 we have the resources to fix this issue without causing a public uproar and crisis, but if these resources are not being put into the correct places we will never see clean water in our lifetime. To me, that is a very scary thought.

In the report, I see a lot of measures and actions being taken. But most of those actions are to further funding, find more sources of water, and take measurements to conserve water in the case of drought. When is the last time Connecticut has even seen a drought severe enough to endanger the public? Don't get me wrong, I wholeheartedly agree that people in general waste entirely too much water. But I think you could get more done through public outreach and education to encourage people to use less water. Don't you think if we took more preventative measures to teach the public how to conserve water and not be as wasteful we wouldn't have to look for other places to exploit Planet Earth's quickly dwindling fresh water supply? I also believe that the water containing inordinate amounts of literal POISON should be a TOP priority. After all, if we are all sick and dead because of contaminated water there will be no one left to consume the water in the first place and pay the water bills.

So again, I will ask: What is being done to fix the problem of our contaminated drinking water?

If you would like more detailed information on the specific contaminants and the detections in our water, this is the link to the report: <https://www.ewg.org/tapwater/system.php?pws=CT0930011#W5KTnvZFwjY>

This is for the area I live in where New Haven Regional Water Authority is serving approximately 418,000 people.

If you are not the correct person for me to be reaching out to regarding my comments on this report, I beg you to please point me in the right direction so that I can get some answers to my questions. Bottled and filtered water is a temporary solution to stave off dehydration in the human body (also not one that everyone can afford), but if these issues continue to go unaddressed it is the future of humans and our planet that will ultimately suffer. We can not continue to do this kind of damage without paying the repercussions. If we don't start asking questions and demanding answers, I am honestly afraid for the future in which my children will live.

We live in America; Land of the Free, Home of the Brave. My family and I are hardworking, taxpaying citizens making daily contributions to society. I do not think that asking for clean and safe drinking water in return for the money we pay for it is too much to ask. I do believe we are entitled to answers and action on behalf of our safety and health.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Respectfully & Sincerely,

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