

Water Rights issues are particularly important for NH citizens. Water is generally plentiful in NH and thus, water bottling corporations are looking to NH to mine water for profit. Points to consider regarding bottled water are as follows:

- * *Only the bottling company wins!* Bottling companies make profits up to 1000 times their expense. Local residents and businesses who depend on the water supply gain nothing. In fact, the local people risk losing use of their water supply due to insufficient water volume availability and increased water contamination.
- * *Bottled water is not safer than tap water.* The bottled water industry has created the misconception that bottled water is cleaner, safer, and healthier than tap water. In fact, the testing of the quality of bottled water by FDA is much less stringent than the testing of tap water by EPA. Common contaminants include arsenic and organic carcinogens, as well as phthalates from the plastic bottles and microbiological constituents that contaminate the water after bottling.
- * *Bottled water is a waste of money. *Bottled water can cost \$7.50 to \$11.00 per gallon in the supermarket, while tap water generally costs only one-tenth of one cent per gallon.
- * *Bottled water pollutes. *Making the plastic for all those bottles and transporting the bottled water to consumers uses lots of energy, pollutes the environment and contributes to global warming. Eliminating those bottles would be like taking 100,000 cars off the road. Each one of those bottles requires nearly five times its volume of water to produce. After the water is drunk, the bottles become a major source of waste in our landfills - less than 15% are recycled.
- * *America needs increased funding for public drinking water and water treatment.* America has some of the safest tap water in the world, but many cities operate water systems that were built before World War I. What to do? Pledge to reduce or eliminate your use of bottled water, and tell Congress to increase funding to keep America's water clean and safe. For more information visit <http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/water>

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