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Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick Continues the Fight for Affordable Water on Long Island

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Many Long Island residents are experiencing exorbitant costs on their water utility bills, and I want to provide you with an update on what I am doing to address this critical issue.

Privately owned water-works corporations pay a “special franchise” tax that is required by the state and passed directly onto residents through their water bill, resulting in higher water bills for consumers. Water is a necessity, and because certain residents cannot choose

public water as their provider, it unfairly increases water utility bills for the New Yorkers who must utilize a private water company

To combat this, I have introduced **Senate Bill 3175**, legislation aimed at **lowering water bills** by excluding privately owned water-works corporations - such as **Liberty Water** - from the Special Franchise Tax (SFT). This would eliminate the state-mandated tax from your overall water service charge, which can account for more than **30% of customers' water bills**.

As I continue through the 2025 Legislative Session, it is essential that we continue to push for this legislation to ensure its benefits are realized for our community.

RELATED LEGISLATION

2025-S3175

- Introduced

- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to the definition of special franchise property

January 24, 2025

In Senate Committee Local Government

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Do you support this bill?