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## Statement of Position Submitted

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w 354 sub 398 and w 354 sub 399

### Message

The Carteret County Rural Water system has apparently been mismanaged in the past and now instead of listening to the customers, our commissioners have elected to take the easy way out and sell it for a profit. All county agencies do not make a profit - such as the library or even the sheriff's department. Are they up for sale ? We have asked to meet with the commissioners to explore other options, such as a coop like West Carteret water, but they have refused to listen to the citizens affected. NO county commissioner is a customer on this water system. The 1256 or so customers are obviously rural and many do not have the means or ability to absorb a rate increase or even contact you to express their concerns. If other water systems can be run efficiently then this one can as well. Obviously - The purchaser sees great potential or they would not be offering MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. What don't we know? The purchaser will obviously be expected to make a profit for the shareholders. It is totally unfair to punish the consumers for the mismanagement of county officials who were elected to furnish the basic necessity of water to the community. We desperately need you to protect the consumers this time. Help Help - thank you