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Bottled water: safer and cleaner than tap water, easy on the environment... or maybe not. Look a little deeper and you'll see that these claims don't hold water. In fact, the very opposite is often true. The bottling and selling of water creates a culture where drinking water is viewed as a commodity or a private good, available only to those who can afford to pay.

In the Global South, sales of bottled water are on the rise. At the same time, water sources are increasingly being privatized. Bottled water should never be viewed as an alternative to safe, accessible public water systems.

By signing this pledge, I commit to supporting publically owned and operated water systems. One of the ways I can do that is to choose tap water over bottled water, whenever possible.

I commit to working to create bottled water free zones in my home and in the public places where I spend my time. These include my university, school, parish, workplace and community. I will also support efforts to have bottled water replaced by tap water in all municipal, provincial and federal public spaces where safe water is available.

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