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Life in the Balance: Troubled Waters Oct. 22 and Nov. 5

The Life in the Balance series continues this month with Troubled Waters, a two-part public forum addressing issues and actions that affect the availability and quality of our water supply. **Troubled Waters, Part 1: Tapped – the movie**, is a free film screening on Friday, October 22, 7-9 p.m., at the Alcott School Auditorium, 93 Laurel Street, Concord, MA. Seating is first come, first served. The Rev. Tony Buquor of Trinity Episcopal Church in Concord will facilitate a post-film reflection, giving audience members a chance to share their reactions and questions.

Tapped (2009) (www.tappedthemovie.com) asks whether access to drinking water is a basic human right or a commodity to be bought and sold. It examines the industry that seeks to privatize a resource essential to life: our water. The film won awards at numerous festivals in 2009, including the Colorado Environmental Film Festival and the International Film Festivals in Anchorage, AK and Eugene, WA.

Two weeks after the movie screening, the public is invited to **Troubled Waters, Part 2: Protecting Our Taps**, a speaker forum on Friday, November 5, 7-9 p.m., again at the Alcott School Auditorium, 93 Laurel St., Concord. The forum will feature Ruth Caplan, National Campaign Coordinator for the Alliance for Democracy's Defending Water for Life Campaign and past chair of the national Sierra Club's Water Privatization Task Force; Alan Cathcart, Water & Sewer Superintendent, Town of Concord; and Valerie Lane, President of ValiantLane LLC, an environmental and management consulting firm. After a Q&A period with the speakers, forum attendees may participate in action group sessions to discuss the issues and local responses.

Life in the Balance: Troubled Waters is co-sponsored by the Alliance for Democracy, North Bridge chapter; Carlisle Climate Action; ConcordCAN (Concord Climate Action Network); and the League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle.

Life in the Balance encourages people to learn, connect and act on climate change issues. All forums are free and open to all. Last year's forums were Let's Talk Trash, Food for Thought and Powering the Future. For more information, visit <http://lwvcc.org/lifeinthebalance.html>, email TroubledWaters@lwvcc.org, call 978-254-1598, or contact ConcordCAN at Concordclimate@yahoo.com or 978-369-6305.

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