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Senate Republicans Build PFAS Settlement Funds into State Budget

CONCORD, NH – Senate President Sharon Carson (R-Londonderry) won committee approval today for an amendment building an estimated \$55 million into the budget for public water systems dealing with PFAS contamination:

“Access to clean water is essential to life, as well as New Hampshire's continued economic growth. Communities across New Hampshire have spent millions to protect their water supply from PFAS contamination. Directing proceeds to the communities most affected by PFAS continues our ongoing commitment to clean water for all Granite Staters. The adopted amendment by the Senate Finance Committee will direct the Department of Environmental Services to help distribute funds from pairs of legal settlements into Public Water Systems across New Hampshire, serving over 360,000 Granite Staters.” *Written by Peter O’Neill*

Background: The New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office has announced settlements in national lawsuits against DuPont, 3M, Tyco Fire Products, and other PFAS manufacturers last year. New Hampshire first sought compensation on behalf of the state’s public water systems in 2019. The State expects to receive at least \$55 million in settlement payments over the next several years.

The Senate Finance Committee adopted an amendment directing the Department of Environmental Services to adopt a process to apply for settlement funds and to distribute funds to eligible public water systems with the approval of the Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Committee. DES has identified more than 100 eligible public water systems in 35 New Hampshire communities serving more than 360,000 Granite Staters (See attachment).

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