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The Martha Fuller Clark, Chair
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Senate House, Room 103
Concord, NH 03301

RE: SB 496 *relative to municipal water pollution control*

Dear Chair Fuller Clark and Members of the Committee:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 496 which allows aid to municipal water systems to achieve compliance with maximum contaminant limits for perfluorinated chemicals.

The RMAC supports this bill, as funding which assists municipalities in their efforts to remove PFAS from waste water will reduce the amount of PFAS being discharged into New Hampshire's rivers.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of members from business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests. Among its other responsibilities, the RMAC is charged with reviewing legislation relevant to the Program and with advising the NHDES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

In conclusion, the RMAC supports SB 496.

Should you have any questions regarding our testimony, please contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,



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