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The Honorable Andrew Renzullo, Chair
House Resources, Recreation, and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1167 *An act establishing a maximum contaminant level for perfluorinated chemicals in surface water.*

Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **opposition to House Bill 1167**, which establishes maximum contaminant levels for six PFAS chemicals in surface waters.

The RMAC opposes this bill because

- Water quality standards should be set by qualified experts at the Department of Environmental Services, not in statute by the legislature;
- Water quality standards should be based on the best available scientific data and able to be updated by rule as new information becomes available;
- Work is underway by the Department of Environmental Services to set PFAS standards for surface waters, making this bill unnecessary.

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 composed of members from business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests.

Should you have any questions regarding our testimony in **opposition to HB 1167**, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,



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