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January 25, 2023

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

RE: HB 212 *An act appropriating funding for investigations, testing, and monitoring relative to per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances.*

Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **support of House Bill 212**, which directs the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to monitor for PFAS and appropriates money to the PFAS loan fund.

The RMAC supports this bill because

- PFAS contamination has been found throughout the state, including at sites where it was not expected to be found;
- The extent of contamination is still unknown, and there is a lack of systematic monitoring to determine its presence in soil, groundwater and surface water; and
- In addition to threatening public health, PFAS is present in fish and wildlife species such as common loons. It has been shown to bioaccumulate, but much is still unknown about how it may be affecting aquatic ecosystems.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with 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 support of HB 212, feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michele Tremblay', is written over a light blue background.

Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

cc: Representatives Rung, N. Murphy, Rombeau, Dunn, Lascelles
Senators Chandley and Carson
RMAC Representatives
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES