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January 26, 2023

The Honorable Kenneth Weyler, Chair
House Finance Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 210
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 311 *An act making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for eligible wastewater projects.*

Dear Chair Weyler and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **support of House Bill 311**, which appropriates money for eligible wastewater projects.

The RMAC supports this bill because

- Continued investment is necessary to ensure functioning wastewater treatment infrastructure and avoid sewage discharges into public waterbodies;
- The discharge of untreated sewage into our rivers can cause the spread of disease; and
- Appropriately funding wastewater projects protects water quality and public health.

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 support of HB 311, 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

ec: Representatives Bucu, Leishman, Emerick, N. Murphy, and Preece
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