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Subject: HB 119 - Funding Eligible Drinking Water and Wastewater Projects - Grassroots Action

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Importance: High

Good morning.

I am writing to alert you to <u>HB 119</u>, a bill seeking to appropriate \$2.2 million to fund eligible and completed drinking water and wastewater projects under the State Aid Grant (SAG) program administered by the NH Department of Administrative Services (NHDES). These are eligible projects that had received local financing approval before the SAG moratorium was set in December 2008.

As you will read, your municipality is a beneficiary of this state funding and we hope we can count on your legislative support.

A hearing before the <u>House Finance Committee</u> (Room 210-211, Legislative Office Building) has been scheduled at **11:15 am, Tuesday, January 17th**. As such, this is the time for members to write letters to Chairman Neal Kurk and the other members of the Finance Committee either by <u>email</u> or regular mail (House Finance Committee, Room 210, Legislative Office Building, Concord, NH 03301) in strong support of this bill.

In addition to your written communication (letter or email) of support, we hope that you will designate yourself or an employee to testify in support of HB 119 on Tuesday, January 17 before the House Finance Committee. Legislators need to hear from you, our members, regarding the importance of the environmental grants program to New Hampshire's cities and towns.

Thank you in advance for your support of HB 119 and participation in the legislative hearings process. Please forward to me a copy of your written testimony as well as identify the individual from your city or town (or village fire district) who may testify in support of HB 119 on January 17th.

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