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### **Bipartisan Clean Water Legislation Signed Into Law**

**CONCORD** - Today, HB 1264, a bipartisan clean water bill addressing PFAS (perfluoroalkyl substances) contamination and drinking water safety as well as extending the Commission on the Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation, was signed into law.

**Senator Tom Sherman (D-Rye), Senator David Watters (D-Dover), and Senator Shannon Chandley (D-Amherst) issued the following statements in response:**

“The right to clean water is an issue that cuts across party lines,” said **Senator Tom Sherman (D-Rye)**. “I am proud of the bipartisan work done by the Senate to bring together four important pieces of legislation: setting maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for PFAS based on the latest toxicologic science from the NH Department of Environmental Services, providing relief to municipalities facing remediation projects, ensuring insurance coverage for PFAS blood testing, and extending the Commission on the Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation. Particularly for the Seacoast and towns surrounding Merrimack, this legislation is critical for the long term health and safety of New Hampshire residents.”

**Senator David Watters (D-Dover)** added, “All session, we have worked across the aisle to address the concerns we all share for the safety of our drinking water. In HB 1264 becoming law, we are able to provide critical financial support for our municipalities as we work towards long term remediation efforts. I applaud the bipartisan effort that went into crafting this comprehensive legislation.”

“Today we took a significant step to advance drinking water safety legislation and protections for individuals suffering the long-term negative health effects of PFAS exposure,” added **Senator Shannon Chandley (D-Amherst)**. “Through the hard work of the Legislature and advocates like the Merrimack Water Warriors, patients and their medical providers will be equipped to detect and monitor disease, preventing long term health effects. I thank my colleagues for their support of both this omnibus bill and the underlying legislation.”

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