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Testimony on rSB 306 AA Allocating Funding for the Provision of Potable Water ...

Dear Chairmen Meyer and Gentile, Ranking Members Chapin and Shaban, and distinguished members of the Environment Committee:

I greatly appreciate the Environment Committee raising SB 306 Section 2, which reinstates the monitoring program for contaminated wells by DEEP for specific residential properties across our state. I was first contacted by constituents last year after the budget was adopted, which removed funding in the DEEP budget for the program that has existed for many years. They were caught off guard when they received the notice and had many questions on how to ensure safe drinking water for their families.

My constituents did not cause their wells to be contaminated and unfortunately the responsible party and or parties cannot be held accountable and compensate the homeowners to provide safe drinking water. The program costs approximately \$200,000 within DEEP.

I am in strong support of SB 306 Section 2 and respectfully ask committee members to vote favorably on this provision. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Penny Bacchiochi, 52nd District
State Representative