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Today, the New Hampshire House passed HB 1264, omnibus legislation setting contaminant levels for perfluorochemicals in drinking water, appropriating funds for remediation of contaminants and requiring insurance coverage for blood testing for PFA and PFC compounds.

Co-sponsor of legislation and environmental advocate, **Representative Nancy Murphy (D-Merrimack)**, released the following statement:

“As a retired nurse, public health and environmental advocate, and resident of the Merrimack community that has had its drinking water, air and soil contaminated by PFAS; today has been a long-awaited day of hope. The best available scientific evidence has shown that PFAS chemicals bioaccumulate in our bodies, do not break down in our environment and can lead to adverse human health effects for exposed populations. New Hampshire has the highest rates of pediatric, breast, bladder and esophageal cancers in the nation and it is incumbent upon us to exercise caution and use science to dictate policy that protects the environment and human health at all stages of life. I am delighted to see public health prioritized above polluter profits.”

Co-sponsor of the legislation and environmental advocate, **Representative Wendy Thomas (D-Merrimack)**, released the following statement:

“My fellow Democratic colleagues in Merrimack along with Senator Chandley have worked tirelessly to ensure that Merrimack as well as other affected towns get the financial relief needed to address PFAS contamination in our drinking water. HB1264 provides the much-needed financial resources to begin remediation of PFAS contamination in landfill and septic system discharge. The passing of this bill is an important step forward in protecting the health and quality of life for New Hampshire residents.”

Co-sponsor of the legislation and environmental advocate, **Representative Rosemarie Rung (D-Merrimack)** released the following statement:

“This bill is critically important to protect the health of all Granite Staters. My fellow Merrimack residents and I know first hand the misery that comes from PFAS-contaminated drinking water. HB1264 will spare other communities the damages we faced and will make funding for water treatment available to those municipal water systems that need it. New Hampshire can be proud of its PFAS leadership today.”

Co-sponsor of the legislation and environmental advocate, **Representative Kathryn Stack (D-Merrimack)** released the following statement:

“The presence of PFAS chemicals in our state and specifically in Merrimack has put enormous strain, both health and financial on families in our community. I know that Granite Staters value the health and welfare of their families and that at the end of the day believe that politics should not come above holding polluters accountable and remediating their damage. I urge Gov. Sununu to sign this legislation for Merrimack families and all Granite State communities affected by PFAS contamination and its devastating ramifications”

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