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Legislative Update from NYS Senator Kathy Marchione

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The recent public health crisis in Hoosick Falls and Petersburg is a critical reminder of the need to be vigilant about protecting our public health and safety, and making smart investments in water quality and environmental protection.

Helping Hoosick Falls and Petersburg

Senator Marchione helped secure water filtration systems for local schools, carbon filtration systems for personal wells and state assistance for the local community. *[For a complete listing of more positive action steps for Hoosick Falls and Petersburg, visit www.marchione.nysenate.gov]*

The NYS Senate will be hosting a public hearing examining PFOA drinking water contamination in the Hoosick Falls area to be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, at the Hoosick Falls High School 21187 NY-22, Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County.

Senator Marchione sponsored and secured passage of important, bi-partisan legislation - which is now state law - to extend the state statute of limitations to when a superfund site is declared so Hoosick Falls and Petersburg families can have their day in court.

Protecting Kids from Lead in Drinking Water

Senator Marchione co-sponsored and voted for bi-partisan legislation that would ensure periodic tap water testing for lead by schools and BOCES across NYS to obtain important information about the quality of students' drinking water.

Securing Record Investment for NY's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)

Senator Marchione voted to secure an unprecedented \$300 million in funding for the NYS Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), a \$123 million increase over 2015-2016 funding levels, an increase of nearly 70%.

Senator Marchione also voted to deliver an additional \$200 million over the next two years to build upon the investments included in last year's Water Quality Improvement Act, municipalities will be eligible to receive \$350 million in grants to repair and replace existing wastewater and drinking water infrastructure.

Information for Safe, Clean Drinking Water

Have questions about your drinking water?

Call the toll-free NYS Water Quality Hotline: 1-800-801-8092 to get answers.