



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Legislative Update from NYS Senator Kathy Marchione

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The recent public health crisis in Hoosick Falls and Petersburgh 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 Petersburgh

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 Petersburgh, visit [www.marchione.nysenate.gov](http://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.

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### **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.