

Via Email

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Office of the Governor State House 107 North Main Street Concord, NH 03301

Re: Thank you and Congratulations

Dear Governor Hassan,

Testing for Pease would like to thank you for all the work that you have done in the past four years serving the people of New Hampshire as our Governor. We would also like to congratulate you on your newly elected role as US Senator for the state of New Hampshire. As a community action group that formed to support our local community that has been personally impacted by PFAS water contamination, we are particularly grateful for your efforts and commitment to advocating to federal and state officials surrounding PFAS chemicals, in Portsmouth and other New Hampshire areas.

Our state, and especially the seacoast, has faced many challenges this year regarding several types of water contaminations, in Portsmouth, Merrimack and communities surrounding the Coakley Landfill. It is with the support and work of elected officials like you that these issues make it to the forefront of our lawmakers, who can ultimately make important decisions to protect the health of our families. You have consistently shown that the health of our citizens should be a top priority through your work with the impacted community, NH DHHS, NH DES, CDC/ATSDR, and EPA. We are very appreciative of your role in moving forward the issues of blood testing, remediation/access to clean water and establishing federal health advisory standards for PFAS substances.

This will be a long fight for our families and our community, and we are hopeful that our work with you will continue into your new role as US Senator. It is critical that the community remain engaged in the process so our ongoing advocacy can lead to many successes in the future regarding reducing the harmful impacts of PFAS chemicals and other emerging contaminants here in New Hampshire and nationwide.

Thank you for your commitment to serve us and we wish you the best of luck in your new role. We very much look forward to continuing our work with you and Senator Shaheen surrounding this very important environmental and public health issue. We hope to connect and collaborate on these issues sometime soon!

Happy New Year to you and your family,

Alayna, Andrea and Michelle Testing for Pease