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George – please see the attached bill. Could you provide a quick estimate for what it would cost to run analyses for everything in Act 399 that has a drinking water standard?

Sarah – this is a huge expense. Depending on the number that George provides – they have to figure there are approximately 30 drinking water faucets on average at each school (we’ve had some with over 50 faucets) and multiply that by the number of schools within a water systems jurisdiction. Department of Education could probably provide an estimate of the number of schools there are in Michigan. I suspect it’s a really big number!

The proposal is also disconnected from how water sampling is accomplished. Most parameters are required to be met at the plant tap (at the point the water enters the distribution system). Only a few parameters (lead, copper, disinfection byproducts, bacteria) are monitored out in the system at customer taps. Even if the proposal were to be for only lead and copper, this is a huge expense that would be placed on the supplier of water inappropriately. I understand the desire to have this kind of information, but if the legislature wants to require this monitoring, the burden for this should be on the schools or the board of education.

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Liane and Richard,
 Please see below----could you provide written comments/suggestions on this bill that we could share with Rep. Zemke’s office.
 Thanks.
 Sarah

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FYI ...

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Hello,

Attached is a bill to require drinking water in schools be tested at least once every three years that Rep. Zemke has requested. Please feel free to respond to this email with any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions you may have regarding this bill.

Thank you!

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