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**NYPIRG HAILS APPROVAL OF AMERICA’S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2018 AS STEP TO HELP FUND CLEAN WATER PROJECTS AND EXPAND TESTING FOR NEW-WAVE TOXIC CONTAMINANTS**

**FUNDING IS A ‘DROP-IN-THE-BUCKET’ IN LIGHT OF PRESSING NEED FOR UPGRADES TO ENSURE CLEAN DRINKING WATER**

**NEW YORKERS SHOULD VISIT NYPIRG’S ‘WHAT’S IN MY WATER?’ WEBSITE TO CHECK ON THEIR LOCAL WATER QUALITY**

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) hailed approval of federal legislation to help fund projects to upgrade drinking water infrastructure and expand testing to small communities of at least 3,000 residents for unregulated toxic chemicals, such as PFOA, PFOS and 1,4 dioxane, which threaten drinking water supplies serving more than one million New Yorkers.

NYPIRG noted, however, that funding for the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, estimated at some \$6 billion, is just a “drop-in-the-bucket” compared to the \$500 billion experts say is needed to meet the nation’s safe drinking water needs over the next 20 years.

In addition to any federal actions and funds, New York will need to take aggressive action to regulate toxic chemicals in drinking water, fund infrastructure improvements and safeguard its clean drinking water sources.

New Yorkers concerned about threats to their drinking water supply should visit NYPIRG’s searchable-by-zipcode “What’s in My Water?” website at <https://nypirg.org/whatsinmywater/>. The website uses data submitted as part of federal and state water testing reporting requirements.

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