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Leading Citizens Groups To Gov. Snyder: Protect Public Health and Michigan Water by Vetoing Dangerous Legislation

Environmental, social justice organizations and civic groups today called on Governor Snyder to protect Michigan's water and the health of millions of residents by vetoing destructive bills that don't safeguard public health.

The citizens groups, which represent hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents, said the Governor should veto the following bills that weaken the state's basic environmental and public health protections:

- HB 4205: Blocking safeguards that are more protective than federal standards which would prevent the state from proactively setting PFAS drinking water and other important safeguards that protect the people of Michigan.
- SB 1244: Weakening the state's contaminated site cleanup criteria which will create roadblocks to protecting Michigan residents from PFAS and other contaminants. We support the more than 80 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality staff who called on Governor Snyder to veto this bill.
- SB 1196: Increasing the amount of radioactive waste disposed of in Michigan.
- SB 1211: Removing protections from more than 500,000 acres of wetlands that filter and store our water, reduce flooding and provide habitat for wildlife.

Organizations that have united in the call for Governor Snyder to veto from these lame duck bills include:

- Anglers of the AuSable
- Clean Water Action
- Huron River Watershed Council
- Michigan Demands Action Against Contamination
- Michigan Welfare Rights Organization
- Ecology Center
- Flint Rising
- Flint River Watershed Coalition
- FLOW
- League of Women Voters of Michigan
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council
- Need Our Water (NOW)
- People's Water Board Coalition
- Sierra Club
- Straits of Mackinac Alliance
- We the People of Detroit