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Kevin,

I hope this Monday morning finds you well. As you may recall, we discussed legislation proposed in the last two sessions regarding pipe material selections and taking that process out of the hands of the local utilities and engineers. H.3652, material preference legislation has been proposed again and there is a hearing scheduled tomorrow at 2:30 before the Public Utilities Subcommittee- do you plan to attend?

This legislation was introduced last legislative session, and it was rejected. I am *opposed* to this legislation because it is *unnecessary and would undermine local control*. Currently, utilities, local communities, engineers and other water works professionals design water systems to best serve their communities. H. 3652 threatens this process, and it will only delay projects and unnecessarily increase costs through litigation and additional red tape. Our water systems are too important to pass this type of legislation.

Thankfully, South Carolina and ten other states have rejected this national effort. No state has passed this type of legislation, and South Carolina should not be the first and only to do so. Accordingly, I hope you will oppose this legislation. If you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to possibly meeting you at the hearing tomorrow if you will be in attendance. If not, do you have any time in your schedule to meet with me tomorrow?

Best Regards,

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