Rep. Frank Pallone, State Officials To Testify at Dec. 14 Meeting of Legislative Task Force on Drinking Water Infrastructure

Testimony will focus on need for, and benefits of, investment in upgrading New Jersey’s outdated drinking-water infrastructure, and challenges the state can help address.

U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ6) will be among those invited to testify at the second meeting of the Joint Legislative Task Force on Drinking Water Infrastructure, scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14 in Trenton.

WHAT:
The Joint Legislative Task Force on Drinking Water Infrastructure was formed after the discovery of lead in the drinking water at a number of schools across the state. Its role is to assess the current condition of the state’s drinking-water infrastructure, and to determine what improvements are necessary in order to ensure a safe and adequate drinking-water supply for New Jersey. The task force is co-chaired by Sen. Linda Greenstein and Asm. John McKeon.

WHEN:
The task force’s second meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 14, 10:00 am

WHERE:
Committee Room 11, fourth floor, State House Annex, Trenton

WHO:
Each speaker will have between 10 and 15 minutes to present testimony. Among those scheduled to testify are:

- **U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone**, who represents New Jersey’s 6th Congressional District;
- **Daniel Kennedy**, assistant commissioner for water resources at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection;
- **David Zimmer**, executive director of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, which provides grants and low-interest loans for water infrastructure upgrades;
- **Paul Flanagan, Maria Moran, and Mona Mosser** of the Board of Public Utilities;
- **Jeff Tittel**, director of the New Jersey chapter of the Sierra Club;
- **Amy Braunstein** of Food and Water Watch New Jersey.

Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Zimmer are members of the Steering Committee of Jersey Water Works.

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