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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Funding for Sewage Right to Know Implementation

The Sewage Pollution Right to Know Act (SPR TK) is a critical step to protecting public health and the environment. Unfortunately, this law has still not been fully implemented. One aspect of the law that is failing is the notification of discharges from combined sewer systems – Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). Across the state more than 33 billion gallons of combined sewage and stormwater is discharged into New York’s waterways each year. The volume of raw sewage discharged from these CSO systems make them the largest single source of sewage contamination that is covered by SPR TK.

In order to enable CSO communities to gather better information on these discharges – including the where, when, how much and how long that is required by SPR TK – CCE encourages the Legislature to designate \$500,000 to DEC for the purposes of conducting CSO outfall monitoring and/or CSO discharge predictive modeling. This critical monitoring and modeling will provide members of the public with the information necessary to make informed swimming, boating, and fishing choices for themselves and their families.

CCE SUPPORTS \$500,000 FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SEWAGE RIGHT TO KNOW

CCE is an 80,000 member non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization that works to empower communities and advocate solutions that protect public health and the natural environment.

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