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**To:** Representative Kathryn Webb, Chair, House Committee on Education  
Senator Philip Baruth, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

**From:** Peter W. Walke, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

**Date:** May 17, 2019

**Re:** S.40 – Appropriation for Program Implementation

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As you are aware, the Department of Health and the Agency of Natural Resources have been closely monitoring progress of S.40, an Act Relating to the Testing and Remediation of Lead in Drinking Water. I understand a shortfall exists to fully fund the program (testing and remediation) as envisioned by the General Assembly under S.40.

I write today to inform you that my office has received notification from the Environmental Protection Agency of the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program grant allotments authorized under Section 2107 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act). The allotment amount for the State of Vermont has been established at \$180,000. These funds can only be used for the testing component of the program, and not for remediation activities. To be clear, these funds have not yet been awarded to the State of Vermont. The final grant application will be submitted to EPA in July 2019 with an anticipated grant award in the Fall of 2019.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter W. Walke".

Peter W. Walke  
Deputy Secretary