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Hon. John Brezinski
829 Brockway Rd
Frankfort, NY 13340

Dear John:

This is to remind all concerned parties within the areas potentially impacted by an increase in usage by the Mohawk Valley Water Authority of a public forum to be held on Thursday, August 16th at 7:00 PM.


The Herkimer County Legislature and several towns have passed resolutions opposing any additional encumbrance on the water from Hinckley Reservoir without appropriate and thorough studies. Sportsman and environmental groups have also raised concerns about this basin-to-basin transfer.

As you know, Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito and Sen. Joseph Griffo, from Oneida County, have introduced state legislation to authorize the Mohawk Valley Water Authority to take up to 48.5 million gallons per day (MGD) from Hinckley Reservoir – an increase of more than 150 percent over its current 19 MGD draw. The MVWA's immediate plan is to sell this water in Western Oneida County.

I share your concerns over the impact of this plan on our region. I have made arrangements for a meeting at 7 p.m., *Thursday, August 16, at Herkimer County community College, Room 288* for you and others concerned about this proposal to hear from a variety of experts on the pros and cons of this proposed legislation. A question and answer period will also be held.

This is an important issue for local economies at all levels, recreationally, environmentally, along with tourism, and collateral businesses in Herkimer County and for our entire region. I hope you and members of your agency, organization, or business, and all potentially affected parties, will attend this very important meeting on the 16th.

Sincerely,


Marc W. Butler
Member of the Assembly