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Subject: Falls Lake Clean-up

We are members of St. Francis of Assisi Church in North Raleigh and participate in a Care of Creation ministry that has been studying local water issues. We are very concerned about the level of pollution in Falls Lake. The financial and health cost of chemicals needed to treat water that has, on occasion, been unsafe even for swimming is unacceptable, inefficient, and costly.

While NC Environmental Management Commission has taken a first step in developing rules for cleanup of the water supply used by many municipalities, the timely implementation of these rules leaves a lot to be desired. In fact, we understand that communities that depend on Falls Lake, along with the Atlanta area, have been identified as two areas most at risk in the southeast for a future water crisis. The fast pace of population growth in areas depending on Falls Lake for water exacerbates the issue, and the fix will become less manageable and more costly.

For the sake of current and future residents, especially children and the elderly or citizens with chronic health problems, we ask the state to employ whatever means necessary to require up stream governments to follow practices that will enhance the water supply for all. Many municipalities may claim they can't afford it. We ask, when will they be able to pay for it? As pollution increases along with demand for water, cost will skyrocket. Putting off this essential cleanup will not make it easier to pay for. Please don't allow the pace of cleanup to be delayed.

Sincerely,
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