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The Honorable Perry Warren
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
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RE: HB 1139 – Water Bottle Refilling Stations in Commonwealth Buildings

Dear Representative Warren and Members of the Committee on State Government,

On behalf of the Water Quality Association (WQA), the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), and NSF, we want to thank Rep. Warren for introducing HB 1139. We would also like to thank you for considering our amendment to include lead filtration options in the bill. The bill is very timely and will greatly help Pennsylvanians in improving drinking water quality. We ask that you please support the amended HB 1139.

As you all know, in the wake of the UA EPA's federal work with the states to catalogue and inventory lead service lines (LSLs) across the country, many states like Pennsylvania have begun taking effort to mitigate the lead levels in public drinking water. We applaud the Commonwealth for its work in reducing lead in drinking water. This small amendment to HB1139 supports these ongoing efforts to reduce lead in Pennsylvania's drinking water.

When addressing water quality issues in legislation, our industry has two important recommendations (1) that products be appropriately third party certified, and (2) that they be certified to the national standards for water treatment equipment.

Third Party Certification: We recommend that products be certified by third-party certification bodies for drinking water treatment systems, fixtures, and components. Many water filtration systems claim to improve drinking water quality. However, not all products serve the same purpose; some remove only aesthetic impurities while others are certified to reduce the presence of harmful contaminants. Having an independent third-party certification mark on a product communicates compliance with voluntary and consensus performance standards, improves consumer confidence and helps eliminate concerns about the purchase and installation of noncomplying products. This recommendation is aligned with the technical guidance issued by the EPA to reduce lead in drinking water.

National Standards: We recommend that this legislation be amended to reference the appropriate NSF/American National Standards Institute (NSF/ANSI) standards for drinking water treatment



systems, including filters, fixtures, and components. There are currently no federal regulations establishing minimum requirements for the safety and performance of water filtration systems. However, there are voluntary consensus standards that are continually being updated to address emerging threats. When product requirements related to water treatment technologies or drinking water system components are placed into legislation, referencing the appropriate NSF/ANSI standard(s) and third-party certification requirements is vital in verifying these products work as intended.

Our organizations thank you for including this crucial language, and we strongly support the passage of the amended HB 1139. We are available to work with you and others to answer questions surrounding water treatment.

Sincerely,

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About WQA

WQA is a not-for-profit trade association representing the residential, commercial, and industrial water treatment industry with over 2,500 members worldwide. Since its creation in 1974, WQA has worked tirelessly to improve water quality through sustainable technologies and services. Our members are manufacturers, dealers, and distributors who specialize in point-of-use (POU) and point-of-entry (POE) water filtration systems, which treat water at the tap or entry point of a home or building. WQA also operates an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited testing and certification laboratory that certifies water filtration products to nationally accepted industry standards for contaminant removal.

About IAPMO

IAPMO was founded in 1926 by government officials in the US to protect public health and safety by developing the most progressive and technically advanced plumbing, mechanical and water efficiency codes in the world. A large part of IAPMO's work focuses on product testing for the industry. Our research and testing labs are capable of testing products to more than 400 standards and we provide testing to new plumbing products that enter the market every year. These include such devices as shower heads, faucets, and water filters. Our rigorous process includes following the criteria of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

About NSF International

NSF is an independent, not-for-profit organization founded in 1944 in Ann Arbor, MI that develops consensus national standards, provides product inspection, testing and certification, auditing, education, and related services in public health and safety. The core purpose of NSF is to "protect and improve human and environmental health." NSF has a long history of working



with the EPA, FDA, USDA, CDC, and health related governmental entities at the state and local levels, as well as international bodies. NSF is a Collaborating Centre of the World Health Organization for Food Safety, Water Quality, and Medical Device Safety. NSF/ANSI 53 and NSF/ANSI 58, American National Standards developed by NSF, allow for the certification of some point of use and point of entry drinking water treatment units to reduce the levels of specified contaminants in drinking water including lead.