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Michigan Water Affordability Package A Step Toward Clean, Safe, Affordable Water for All

Advocates ask Legislature to Pass Bills to Protect Community Health, Integrity

Today, the Michigan Senate House and Human Services Committee will host a hearing on the **Michigan Water Affordability Package** (SB549-54, SB25) led by Senator Stephanie Chang. This comes a week after the Michigan House Natural Resources Committee hosted a similar hearing on the bills, where community advocates from around the state made their voices heard on issues around unaffordable water, sewage, and stormwater drainage bills.

“We congratulate the work of People’s Water Board Coalition, a grassroots coalition that has tirelessly worked to ensure low-income families and vulnerable households can have access to clean, safe, and affordable water. Adequate water and proper sanitation are basic needs. In Michigan, the Great Lakes State, surrounded by the largest freshwater bodies on Earth, our elected officials must ensure that everyone has uninterrupted access to water no matter our race, zip code, or income. We ask our Michigan legislature to pass these bills as a step in the right direction to protect the health and integrity of our communities.” **said Juan Jhong-Chung, Climate Justice Director at Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition**

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