Dear Friends of Florida’s waters:

First of all, thank you to the many people who are sending emails to the Senators on the Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee, which is meeting Tuesday and will discuss Florida’s
proposed Human Health Toxics Criteria. It makes me so happy to read your emails that you copy me on and to know that so many Floridians care about this issue.

I heard from several of you that even after years of reading about our efforts to get regulations in place for these dozens of cancer-causing and/or human health toxic chemicals, you are still overwhelmed by the complexity of it. That is certainly understandable. I get overwhelmed too, especially when I try to understand the statistics involved.

If you haven’t sent your emails yet, here is a more simple approach that you may want to consider. You can simply say that the DEP ignored and violated the federal requirement that a 45 day notice be provided to the public before the ERC met to consider and vote on DEP’s proposed criteria. This was not followed. There is no wiggle room on this in the federal regulations and the EPA will be required to disapprove Florida’s proposed criteria eventually. It seems to me that Florida is dragging this whole process out by not sending their proposed criteria to EPA. As long as they don’t send it, it does not go into effect. Florida has successfully and skillfully avoided regulating dozens of carcinogens and other toxics for the past 25 years.

PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE SENATORS BELOW, ASKING FOR NEW PUBLIC WORKSHOPS AROUND THE ENTIRE STATE, SO PEOPLE CAN ATTEND THEM, FULL TRANSPARENCY IN SIMPLE TERMS ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE PLANNING TO DO TO OUR WATER QUALITY STANDARDS, AND A NEW ERC HEARING THAT IS NOTICED AT LEAST 45 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

Send to:  
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Thank you in advance for your help and for letting you voice be heard on this issue.

For all of Florida’s waters,

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