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Today the Governor vetoed H.518, an act relating to the membership of the Clean Water Fund Board, with the following message:

"I have reviewed H.518 and consulted with my Secretaries of Administration and Natural Resources. Both have raised concerns about this measure and its potential negative effects on our efforts to ensure clean water statewide. In enacting the most comprehensive clean water legislation in Vermont's history last year, we took an important step towards cleaning up Vermont's lakes and waterways, which have been neglected for too long. An important part of that is the Clean Water Fund Board, which is responsible for taking public comment and steering funding to targeted projects that achieve the goals of the law. The makeup of that Board was a known and negotiated part of the overall bill that I signed. The Board was constituted to be an entity with the ability to act thoughtfully and expeditiously to move us towards cleaner water in Vermont. The Board has been in existence for less than a year, and I believe we should give it time to work before we contemplate making any changes. Therefore, I have decided to veto this bill."

Thank you.

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