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Commissioner De'Keither Stamps Supports HB 1503 to Prevent State-Mandated Fluoridation Requirements in Mississippi Water Systems

Jackson, MS (January 22, 2026) — Mississippi Public Service Commission Central District Commissioner De'Keither Stamps voiced support for House Bill 1503 (HB 1503), legislation introduced by Representative Bryant Clark. The bill would require the State Board of Health to prohibit the customary practice of adding fluoride to public water systems for the purpose of fluoridating drinking water or installing fluoridation treatment equipment.

Commissioner Stamps emphasized that Mississippi communities are grappling with rising costs across essential services and that water system policy must keep affordability and practical operations at the center.

"Mississippians deserve safe water, and they deserve affordable water," said Commissioner De'Keither Stamps. "HB 1503 is about ensuring the State does not mandate additional treatment requirements that increase costs for local water systems and ultimately raise the bills for families. Our communities should be able to make their own decisions without unfunded burdens."

HB 1503 supports local authority by ensuring communities are not required to adopt fluoridation or purchase and maintain specialized fluoridation equipment. HB 1503 has been referred to the House Public Health and Human Services Committee. For more information, please contact Dr. Lemia Jenkins, Chief of Staff, at 601-961-5813 or Lemia.jenkins@psc.ms.gov.

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