GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 56, AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.

Clean water is critical for our health and our economy and this legislation fails to appropriate any needed funds to the departments in state government charged with setting standards and enforcing laws to prevent illegal chemical discharges into rivers used for drinking water. In addition, it weakens protections from river pollution and landfills and repeals a local plastic bag ban supported by local governments and businesses that was passed to protect the environment.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 26th day of September, 2017, at 9:57 a.m. for reconsideration by that body.