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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING SENATE BILL 89 OF THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

Senate Bill 89 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

Senate Bill 89 threatens the quality of Kentucky's water. By redefining the waters of the Commonwealth to include only navigable waters as defined in federal law, Senate Bill 89 makes Kentucky the only state in the country to cede its regulatory authority to the federal government. Senate Bill 89 fails to protect 156 public water systems sourced from groundwater that serve 558,624 connections and are used by more than 1.5 million Kentuckians.

Kentuckians deserve a government that protects one of the Commonwealth's most abundant natural resources. Failing to protect all water sources in Kentucky will result in pollution, sickness, and more dangerous flooding.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 89.

This, the 25th day of March, 2025.



Andy Beshear
Governor