



***Call your Representative and Ask:***

**Protect Georgia's Well Water,  
VOTE YES on Senate Bill 36**

## **Georgians are lucky to have access to clean water**

- ❖ Many of Georgia's underground water supplies are pristine. We should not risk contaminating those resources.
- ❖ These underground water supplies support local economies by irrigating crops, running industries, and providing drinking water for residential homes and businesses. These underground supplies are superior to alternatives in terms of cost and reliability.
- ❖ Unlike in other states across the country, Georgians are fortunate to have access to and reasonable use of water on or under their property.



## **But clean water is at risk...**

- Current laws and regulations do not provide enough protections for our groundwater.
- There are no adequate state requirements for monitoring, testing or reporting the volume or extent of contaminated waters that reach an aquifer by any means, including injection.
- People who wish to use or otherwise impact groundwater typically don't have to provide reliable, scientific, and site-specific information explaining how or if their activities may negatively impact groundwater quality.
- Government agencies do not review permits often enough to ensure our groundwater is not polluted.

# **You can help protect our well water by encouraging your Rep to pass Senate Bill 36**

## **Senate Bill 36 will require the Department of Natural Resources to write rules protecting our groundwater**

These rules will fix gaps in our current laws like:

- The Clean Water Act, which protects surface water not groundwater
- The Groundwater Use Act, which focuses on water quantity, not quality, and has no mandatory water quality monitoring meaning contamination in the aquifer could go undetected for years
- Georgia's Underground Injection Control Program (administered under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act), which insufficiently regulates certain types of injection wells, such as wells for aquifer storage and recovery

### ***Protecting our groundwater now makes sense for future generations***

**SB 36 is a no-cost option**

**Otherwise, we might spend millions of dollars cleaning up contaminated water**

**SB 36 is good for Georgia, our economy, people, and children**

**Please call your Representative today and ask them to Vote YES on SB36.**

