Honorable Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, MI

Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood was elected to his second term in the Michigan Senate on November 4, 2014 after serving six years in the Michigan House of Representatives and four years in the Michigan Senate. Senator Hopgood represents 10 communities in the Downriver region of Metro Detroit. Throughout his political career, Senator Hopgood has been able to work on a variety of legislative issues. In the Senate, Senator Hopgood has continued his focus on the environment, education, and energy and technology.

Senator Hopgood serves on the Appropriations Committee, where he is the Minority Vice-Chair of the Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Rural Development, and the K-12 School Aid and Education Appropriations Sub-Committees. He is the Minority Vice-Chair of the Education Committee, as well as the Energy and Technology Committee, and also serves on the Health Policy Committee.

Brian Hubbard, MPH
National Center for Environmental Health, CDC
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Mr. Brian Hubbard, MPH, is a health scientist with 18 years of experience managing safe water activities at the National Center for Environmental Health. He currently leads the Safe Water for Community Health program (known as Safe WATCH) in the Water, Food, and Environmental Health Services Branch. For the past five years, Mr. Hubbard has managed domestic water activities related to federally unregulated drinking and he has led strategic planning efforts to organize environmental health activities in Legionella control, and recreational water. Prior to his domestic safe water work, Mr. Hubbard worked to improve the health of children in global health activities by strengthening safe drinking programs and public health systems in underserved communities throughout Latin American and the Caribbean. From 1999 to 2003,
CDC stationed Mr. Hubbard in Lima, Peru where he provided leadership in the development and implementation of community environmental health assessments focusing on safe drinking water activities. Mr. Hubbard also worked to increase the adoption of preventive risk management approaches for safe water systems in Latin America, with a particular focus on encouraging the implementation of Water Safety Plans (WSP), sponsored by the World Health Organization. From 2010 to 2012, Mr. Hubbard worked with the Haitian Directorate of Water and Sanitation following the cholera outbreak to train a nationwide workforce of 257 sanitary technicians that managed and maintained village water supplies in the island nation. He speaks fluent Spanish and has lived and worked throughout Latin America and Africa.

Dr. Ben Stanford  
American Water  
Vorhees, NJ

Ben is an internationally-recognized expert in water chemistry, water quality and contaminant research, and has conducted numerous studies across science, engineering and public health protection for water, water reuse and wastewater. As Senior Director of Water Research and Development, he is responsible for sustaining American Water’s efforts as a leader in environmental performance, stewardship, and innovation on behalf of customers.

He has served as an advisor for the American Water Works Association, WateReuse Research Foundation, the National Science Foundation, World Health Organization, municipalities and other groups on emerging contaminants, water treatment technologies, long-range regulatory compliance and related issues. Prior to joining American Water, Ben served as the director of Applied Research for Hazen and Sawyer where he managed over 70 research grants. He has also served in a research capacity for the Southern Nevada Water Authority and was a chemistry teacher in North Carolina and for U.S. Peace Corps in Tanzania. He earned his doctorate degree in Environmental Sciences and Engineering at the University of North Carolina and his bachelor’s degree at Warren Wilson College in North Carolina.