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Chair Leon Lillie
Minnesota House Legacy
Finance Committee
365 State Office Building
St Paul, MN 55155

Chair Fong Hawj
Minnesota Senate Environment,
Climate, and Legacy Committee
3231 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Support for Clean Water Council supplemental funding recommendations
in Legacy omnibus bill**

Chair Lillie and Chair Hawj,

As you consider how to reconcile the House and Senate versions of the Legacy Omnibus bill, our organizations would like to voice our support for the Clean Water Fund supplemental appropriations as included in HF4124, which closely align with the Clean Water Council's March 18th recommendations.

We continually monitor and support the work of the Clean Water Council, who conduct a thorough review and vetting process in making their recommendations to the Legislature. That thorough process is why we stand in support of the Council recommendations when they come before the Legislature – and why we support them now in the final Legacy bill.

With more than \$25 million surplus in the Clean Water Fund available for appropriation, this is an important opportunity to make headway on a number of critical water issues identified by the Council, including:

- State response to nitrate contamination of private drinking water wells in southeastern Minnesota.
- Technical wastewater/sewage treatment assistance to small communities.
- Funding for conservation easements on private lands to protect and restore water quality.

Thank you for all your work in considering Clean Water Fund appropriations this session, and for your ongoing partnership in protecting and restoring Minnesota waters.

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