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Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen, Chair
Environment and Natural Resources Finance
3233, Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Ingebrigtsen and Members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee:

The Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) supports and urges approval of SF3509 (Eichorn), appropriating \$740,000 in FY2023 to develop and assemble the material required, under federal law, for the state to assume the section 404 permitting program of the federal Clean Water Act.

We appreciate the collaborative work of state agencies and stakeholders to assess how state assumption of section 404 permitting could eliminate redundancies in federal and state permitting processes.

Thank you to Senator Eichorn for authoring SF3509, and thank you Committee members for hearing this legislation.

Sincerely,



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