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Chair Hawj and Members of the Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee:

The MWWA has become aware of Senate File 2191 titled "Statewide drinking water safety action plan development with an appropriation". This bill provides for several things, including a plan to identify wells and a sampling plan to monitor aquifers that are vulnerable to contamination. This monitoring network of shallow wells could provide an early warning system for drinking water wells and ensure that we maintain our incredible drinking water sources.

The MWWA has long advocated for the continued support of the Ground Water Monitoring Network at both the State and Federal level. We are particularly supportive and interested in this portion of Senate File 2191. Long term data collection will provide insight into groundwater trends, making it substantially easier to craft SMART groundwater policies.

Thank you for reinforcing our state agencies so they can continue their work to improve the health of Minnesotans.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the MWWA and myself.

Sincerely,

Dave Schulenberg

MWWA Executive Director.

Celebrating 101 years in 2023.