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DATE: March 13, 2023
TO: Chair Pappas and Members of Senate Capitol Investment Committee
FROM: Jerad Bach, District Manager 
SUBJECT: Support for SF2423

Thank you for the opportunity to convey support for SF2423, a bill appropriating revenues that will fund three two-year water improvement pilot projects.

As one of those funded projects, my county supports the bill and looks forward to seeing if the water quality improvements I've witnessed on other lakes and water bodies in the area will continue to show positive results.

Like many lakes in the region, Eagle Lake North, is a smaller, shallow lake impaired by excess nutrients. The lake is non supporting of aquatic recreational use and is on the MPCA Impaired Waters List.

I was impressed with my first experience witnessing the system on Lake Crystal in 2017, where I saw it work on issues similar to those present on Eagle Lake North. Algae is a significant impairment to lakes in many regions of the state and the limited options for fighting it is frustrating. I've seen this system work on other projects and I support funding pilot projects.

Blue Earth County supports funding for additional two-year water improvement pilot projects and urges your support for SF2423