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Representative Liebbling
Minnesota House of Representatives 175 State
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3109 Minnesota Senate Building St.
Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Liebbling and Senator Wiklund:

The City of International Falls would like to express our support for HF 2930 and SF 2995. Specifically, the city fully supports these bills which help communities meet requirements for a lead service line inventory and lead service line replacements that are part of U.S. EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revision. It is estimated that International Falls has nearly 1,000 service lines which contain lead piping or fittings. Lead is toxic and can leach off of the pipes into the drinking water supply. All lead needs to be removed from our drinking water system. The deadline set by EPA for us to inventory our lead service lines is coming up soon and we desperately need assistance to achieve this goal as we do not have adequate staff to complete the requirements of the inventory. By completing our lead service line inventory, we can ensure funds will be targeted to lower income residents who are in most need of funding assistance.

Safe drinking water is the backbone for human survival and flourishing. Investing in Minnesota's infrastructure should be a top priority to strengthen our community's ability to provide safe, clean drinking water. All Minnesotans need to be confident that public water systems are able to meet their needs. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Ted Brokaw
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