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RE: SF 3957/HF 3662 *Keep It Clean program established, and money appropriated.*

Sen. Putnam and Rep. Myers,

The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) would like to acknowledge the work of the Keep it Clean Coalition by supporting SF 3957/HF 2745 as introduced. The MASWCD adopted a resolution of support of the Keep It Clean efforts at their annual meeting in December of 2022.

This bill will help manage the leftover waste from winter angling on waters across the State of Minnesota. The popularity of overnight stays on the ice has outpaced the ability for local and state resources to adequately address the impact of trash and other waste left behind for others to clean up.

MASWCD supports efforts to address the trash and other waste left behind from winter anglers. Support of the Keep It Clean efforts will help to keep our waters waste free for future generations to enjoy our valued water resources.

Sincerely,

Chuck Rau
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