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RE: Clean Water Fund Appropriations

March 18, 2024

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

As the committee reviews the Clean Water Council's supplemental recommendations for the Clean Water Legacy funds, we write to highlight support for the work of and the update recommendations produced by the Clean Water Council.

The Clean Water Council, made up of both citizen volunteers representing diverse stakeholders and legislators, spent two years gathering input from state agencies and a variety of constituencies from across the state to aid in the development of its recommendations for how the Clean Water Fund should be spent. In addition, the updates to their recommendations being presented to you today reflect time sensitive and emerging needs that have evolved since the Council developed their initial recommendations. The Council is a deliberative body who spends significant time and effort in making recommendations in line with their strategic plan.

The Council, state agencies and stakeholders have identified and recommended new programs to address clean water needs. As a participant during many of the Council's meetings, The Conservancy fully supports its recommendations and the thorough process by which the Council has arrived at these updated recommendations.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the State of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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