



March 19, 2024

Dear Senator Founj Hawj and members of the Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee,

On behalf of our organizations, which collectively represent nearly all cities in Minnesota, we are writing to thank you for including \$500,000 to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for testing of PFAS in municipal wastewater influent, effluent, and biosolids as part of the Omnibus Legacy Bill 5116.

We appreciate that this committee shares our concern about the health risks associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and the need to address PFAS at wastewater facilities through source control. This funding will help municipal wastewater facilities throughout the state develop and implement aggressive science-based source reduction strategies.

We recognize the language regarding the request may need further tweaking and look forward to working with you, the MPCA, and other stakeholders to move this important testing and sampling work forward in a manner that works for all.

Thank you again for including this language in the bill.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wefel
Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

Craig Johnson, Intergovernmental Relations
League of Minnesota Cities