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Dear Senator Pappas, Senator Housley, and the members of the Senate Capital Investment Committee:

Thank you for allowing us to express our collective support for the Lead Service Line Replacement Grant Program. We would like to specifically thank Senator Housley and Senator Pappas for signing onto S.F. 2514 (McEwen), a bill that continues to build towards the goal to replace all lead service lines in public drinking water systems in Minnesota by 2033.

Our unique coalition of labor groups, city advocates, and environmental advocates join in support of robust biennial funding for the lead service line replacement program. The grant program creates good jobs, helps municipalities with the resources needed to do the work, and delivers clean, safe drinking water to Minnesotans in every corner of the state. We know that significant state and federal investments in the past have acted as a significant downpayment for this vital infrastructure need. However, additional funding will be required to achieve the statutory goal found in Minn. Stat. 446A.078—replacing all lead service lines across the entire state by 2033.

To meet the 100% replacement target, we need each legislature during each upcoming biennium to make a \$240 million investment. The approximate cost estimate to replace all lead service lines statewide is likely at least \$1.5 billion—and could be more depending on the additional testing needed on more than 200,000 service lines where the line material has not been tested.

We ask that the Capital Investment Committee includes an appropriation for lead line replacement in the Capital Investment bill or similar legislation this year so that the state can continue moving forward on this critical goal to ensure the health and well-being of communities statewide. We also thank you and all the legislators who support the regular and robust funding necessary to replace all the lead services lines in Minnesota.