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Chair Hawj and members of the committee,

On behalf of Friends of the Mississippi River (FMR), thank you for the opportunity to share our support for the Clean Water Council's revised FY26-27 Clean Water Fund recommendations.

Established by voters through the 2008 "Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment", the [Clean Water Fund](#) directs one-third of Legacy Amendment tax revenue to protect, enhance and restore water quality in our lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater.

Since 2010, the Clean Water Fund has invested more than [\\$1.6 billion](#) in funds, supporting more than 3,300 projects [in every corner of Minnesota](#).

Minnesota's non-partisan [Clean Water Council](#) is responsible for preparing Clean Water Fund recommendations for the Governor and Legislature. The 28-member council includes clean water and public health experts from across our state, who work alongside state legislators and agency leadership to prepare CWF recommendations that maximize progress toward our state's clean water goals.

FMR deeply appreciates the Clean Water Council's commitment to being inclusive and transparent throughout the months-long process of developing these comprehensive Clean Water Fund recommendations.

We urge lawmakers to honor the thorough and thoughtful work of the Clean Water Council supporting the revised FY26-27 Clean Water Fund recommendations.

Thank you for helping to protect and restore Minnesota's waters.

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