



SF 4457 / HF 4301

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jason Overby, and I serve as the Manager of Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) System in southwest Minnesota. I am writing in support of SF 4457 and HF 4301.

I have been with LPRW for 21 years. Our system was established in December 1978 and currently provides service across 10 counties, supplying water to 37 communities as well as a large number of rural residents and businesses. Through our operations, we have seen the long-term value that regional water systems provide in delivering safe, reliable, and sustainable drinking water.

SF 4457 and HF 4301 represent important legislation to support the continued growth and success of regional water systems throughout Minnesota. Regionalization plays a key role in helping communities address water quality concerns, aging infrastructure, and limited local resources. It is equally important for rural residents who often face water supply and quantity challenges, while also supporting the agricultural economy that drives much of Greater Minnesota.

At this time, LPRW is actively in discussions with five (5) additional communities that are exploring connection to regional water. A common challenge in these conversations is identifying funding mechanisms to make these connections feasible. While the need and interest are clearly present, the cost and complexity of developing and expanding regional systems under current regulatory and project requirements can be significant barriers.

Based on our experience, the process of expanding or forming regional systems has become increasingly complex, costly, and time-consuming. Without dedicated support for early-stage planning and development, many worthwhile projects may struggle to advance.

This legislation provides a practical and necessary tool to help communities overcome these barriers and move forward with regional water solutions that benefit both municipalities and rural users.

For these reasons, LPRW strongly supports SF 4457 and HF 4301. We encourage your support of this legislation to help ensure continued access to safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water across rural Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Overby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" and last name "Overby" clearly distinguishable.

Jason Overby, Manager
Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System