



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

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Senate Capital Investment Committee
Minnesota Senate
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Pappas and Members of the Committee,

The BlueGreen Alliance strongly supports SF 4122, which appropriates funding for lead service line replacement grants across Minnesota. We urge the Capital Investment Committee to advance this bill.

Removing lead service lines is one of the most effective actions Minnesota can take to protect public health. Lead exposure through drinking water poses serious risks, particularly to children and pregnant people, and there is no safe level of lead exposure. Many older homes and neighborhoods still rely on outdated service lines that put families at risk every day. SF 4122 would help communities move faster to eliminate this danger.

This investment is also a matter of equity. Historically underserved communities are more likely to have aging water infrastructure and fewer local resources to replace it. State support is essential to ensure that every Minnesotan has access to safe drinking water, regardless of where they live.

In addition to improving health outcomes, lead service line replacement creates good, local jobs. These projects support skilled workers in construction, water systems, and public works, while strengthening Minnesota's long-term infrastructure. Investments like this align with the BlueGreen Alliance's mission to protect people's health and the environment while creating family-sustaining union jobs.

SF 4122 is a smart, practical investment that delivers immediate and lasting benefits for Minnesota communities. We respectfully ask the committee to support this bill and include funding for lead service line replacement in the capital investment package.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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