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To: Minnesota House

Environmental and Natural Resources Finance Division

Re: HF 3657: Proposed amendments for MS(2018) 103G.671 Subd.2a, 4b and 5b related to groundwater.

Chairman Hanson and Members:

Minnesota's capacity to provide safe and abundant groundwater for current and future generations requires a deliberate and sustained effort to prevent groundwater contamination or depletion. Minnesota's efforts should be strengthened. The three groundwater initiatives offered in Subd. 2a, 4b and 5b requiring public meetings for permits for large volume water withdrawal, defining our aquifers that have slow recharge rates as vintage groundwater as determined by tritium age-dating, and by requiring sustainability assessments are all prudent and necessary amendments to MS 2018 section 103G.271.

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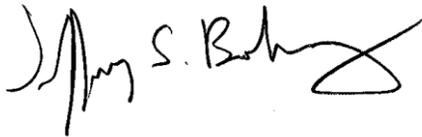


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The groundwater amendments are that are offered on page 3, lines 3.7 - 3.32 offer to advance much wider public awareness of the local and regional impacts of high volume groundwater use and will serve to assess where it is safe to pump high volumes of groundwater and when and where high volume water use will contaminate or deplete local groundwater resources.

While Minnesota is a state blessed with abundant precipitation and surface water resources the character and capacity of our groundwater is quite variable and groundwater is often is sensitive to both depletion and contamination from high volume water use. The Minnesota Well Owners Organization encourages adoption of the proposed amendments.

Sincerely



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