



April 24, 2024

The Hon. Rep. Liz Olson  
Chair, House Ways and Means Committee  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 479  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support for HF4124 1<sup>st</sup> Engrossment (Omnibus Legacy Finance Bill)

Dear Chair Olson:

On behalf of the Clean Water Council, I am expressing support for the House Omnibus Legacy Finance Bill.

The Clean Water Council has the statutory responsibility to recommend how to spend the Clean Water Fund, which is one-third of the dedicated sales tax revenue authorized by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

The bill would appropriate \$25,426,000 to meet several key opportunities to provide fishable, swimmable, and drinkable water.

These investments will support the state's commitment to protecting Minnesotans from PFAS in surface waters and fish. In addition, they will provide critical capacity to the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, and local governments to reduce nitrates in private drinking water wells in southeast Minnesota.

The Council looks forward to working with Chair Lillie as he reconciles HF4124 with the Senate companion in conference committee.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul Gardner'.

Paul Gardner  
Administrator