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To: Minnesota House Water Division

Re: HF3950: MNWOO Support for new well disclosures: Water Quality Testing Requirements

Dear Chairman Fischer and Members

The Minnesota Well Owners Organization (MNWOO) encourages you to support HF 3950 that adds provision to require drinking water testing for bacteria, nitrates and arsenic before the sale or transfer of real property.

Water quality testing is the foundation for safe drinking water at the kitchen sink for every Minnesota household. You cannot discern water quality without a test because bacteria, nitrates and arsenic cannot be detected by color, taste or odor.

Property owners and their real estate agents are motivated to avoid any surprise when selling or transferring property and water testing within six months of a sale is a sensible measure that can reduce the risk of surprise in a

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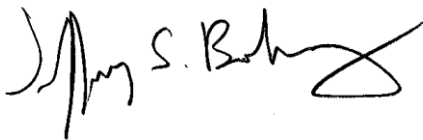


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real estate transaction. **If water tests show good water all parties should be grateful and if tainted water is detected the water can be effectively treated** at a reasonable cost protecting the buyer with clean water, protecting the property marketability and value of the seller, protecting the reputation of the Realtor, and protecting the public safety by assuring clean water at the kitchen sink.

In Minnesota timely water testing most often reveals pure, clean water at the tap. If bacteria, nitrates or arsenic are present it is easy to define the source of the problem and to repair and maintain the water well and water system, or to treat the water from an aquifer that has arsenic or nitrates. Water treatment options are widely available and inexpensive compared to the health risks of bad water or the value loss from a property without a treatment system. **It is best to avoid a surprise.**

Sincerely



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The Mission of the Minnesota Well Owners' Organization, Inc. (hereinafter MnWOO) is to provide education, technical services, and advocacy to those who own private wells and to those who rely on private wells for their drinking water to preserve, protect, and restore Minnesota's water resources.

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