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Dear Chair Mary Franson and Members of the House Capital Investment Committee,

On behalf of the Proctor City Council, I write to express our strong support for the proposed legislation HF 972 appropriating \$21,208,000 for capital improvements at the Lakewood Water Treatment Plant in the City of Duluth. This critical funding will support necessary upgrades, including rehabilitation of the granular infiltration system, roof repair, and enhancements to water reservoirs and pump stations. These improvements are vital to ensuring the long-term reliability and efficiency of our regional water supply.

The City of Proctor and its residents rely on the Lakewood Water Treatment Plant for clean and safe drinking water. Without state investment in these necessary improvements, additional surcharges and rising utility costs will continue to strain our community. This bill will help mitigate those financial impacts.

Investing in the Lakewood Water Treatment Plant is not only a local necessity but also a regional priority as this plant serves not only Duluth but also Proctor, Hermantown, and Rice Lake. Reliable water infrastructure supports public health, economic development, and overall quality of life. We urge you and your colleagues to support this legislation and help secure the necessary funding to maintain a safe and efficient water supply system.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your leadership in addressing the critical needs of our communities.

Sincerely,



Jess Rich  
City of Proctor  
Administrator