



## CITY OF BAGLEY

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I, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Bagley, write in support of the Water & Sewer Infrastructure Project introduced as HF1456.

Bagley is the County seat of Clearwater County and is in the Clearwater River watershed which closely abuts the Mississippi Headwaters watershed. Improving and maintaining sufficient water and sewer utilities is a critical function for the City. Currently, we are treating more effluent than we are pumping out which indicates infiltration into our wastewater system.

Our goal is to assure that residents and commercial users have safe and clean drinking water, and that the citywide sewer infrastructure has not aged to a point where it can be harmful to the environment. The cost to meet these goals is significant. Without state assistance, households and businesses will be severely impacted by the cost to finance the project. The City of Bagley has secured a USDA loan to assist in financing the project, but it carries an interest rate that will have a devastating impact on the City of Bagley's budget and therefore will fall on rate and property taxpayers. It will also put a strain on the City's resources needed to address other pressing and required needs in areas of fire, police, and public works.

The proposed project is pursuing general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,200,000). The project will replace approximately 21,470 linear feet of waste-water main and 24,904 linear feet of water main as well as rehab treatment, storage, and collection facilities. Additionally, the project will replace service lines in the public right of way.

Please accept this letter of support for this important project.

Sincerely,

Sidney Michel, Mayor