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TO:Rep. Paul MarquartFROM:Patrick SheaSUBJECT:House Omnibus Tax Bill – HF1334 (Her)DATE:April 6, 2022

Dear Representative Marquart:

We were excited to see provisions in your tax bill that exempted sales tax for construction materials on public projects, Section 11. Saint Paul Regional Water service is in process of building a new water treatment facility at the current McCarron site. We are completing this project using the design build process, meaning we design the project as we build it. It also means that construction materials will be purchased as they are needed. Consequently, the two-year effective date in your bill leaves this project in a lurch.

We will be designing, building, and purchasing construction materials past the effective date of Jan 1, 2023. We are supportive of the sales tax provisions but are asking that they become permanent.

Again, we appreciate your support and look forward to more discussion. Please contact me at <u>Patrick.Shea@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u> or (651) 266-8943 with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Patrick Shea – General Manager Saint Paul Regional Water Services

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