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Capital Investment Committee

RE: Support for Western Lake Superior Sanitary District Secondary Clarifier Rehabilitation

To Whom It May Concern:

We write to you today to urge your support for funding for the WLSSD Secondary Clarifier Rehabilitation bonding request in 2023 (HF2448, SF2193).

Cloquet is one of 17 communities served by the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) regional wastewater treatment plant.

In the 2023 legislative session, WLSSD is requesting \$17.5 million to proceed with the structural and mechanical renovation of all four secondary clarifiers. This project is critical to the continuation of successfully treating wastewater and protecting public health. Bonding support will allow the District to make these necessary repairs while keeping rates stable and fostering continued economic growth.

Please support the inclusion of \$17.5 million in the 2023 Legislative Session for the WLSSD Secondary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project.

Sincerely,

Roger Maki Mayor

City of Cloquet