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April 6, 2026

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RE: Support for Credit River Sewer and Water Extension Project (HR4606)

Dear Chairs Franson and Lee and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE), we write to express our strong support for House File 4606, which provides state bonding support for the City of Credit River's Country Court Sewer and Water Extension Project.

SCALE represents Scott County and its member cities and townships, working collaboratively to advance regional priorities including infrastructure investment, public safety, and sustainable growth. This project is a clear example of the type of coordinated, high-impact investment that benefits not only a single community, but the broader region.

The proposed extension of municipal sewer and water service to the Country Court neighborhood will address a growing public health concern. The area contains 99 homes currently served by aging private wells and septic systems—many of which are at or beyond their expected lifespan. The high concentration of these systems presents increasing risks to groundwater quality, drinking water safety, and environmental health.

Equally important, this project preserves naturally occurring workforce housing. These homes provide critical housing opportunities for working families in Scott County and the surrounding metropolitan area. Without this investment, many of these homes face long-term viability challenges due to failing infrastructure.

This project also represents a strategic, forward-looking investment. It serves as the keystone for extending municipal services to additional nearby neighborhoods and enables the development of hundreds of additional workforce housing units in an area already designated for urban service by the Metropolitan Council. This alignment with regional planning ensures that growth occurs in a cost-effective and coordinated manner.

While the City of Credit River is contributing locally and utilizing special assessments, the scale of the infrastructure investment exceeds what can reasonably be supported by existing residents alone. State bonding support is essential to close this funding gap and ensure that this project can move forward in a timely and equitable manner.

In summary, this project:

- Protects public health and groundwater resources
- Preserves existing workforce housing
- Supports future housing development in a planned growth area
- Aligns with regional infrastructure and housing priorities

For these reasons, SCALE respectfully urges your support for House File 4606.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher D. Kostik".

Chris Kostik, Chair
Scott County Association for Leadership & Efficiency
On behalf of the SCALE Executive Committee