



March 3, 2025

Representative Mary Franson
Chair, Minnesota House Capital Investment Committee
Centennial Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Subject: H.F. No 972 Letter of Support for Duluth; Lakewood Water Treatment Plant
Improvements

Dear Representative Franson:

On behalf of the City of Hermantown, I am writing to express our strong support for the state bonding of \$21,208,000 for improvements to the City of Duluth's Lakewood Water Treatment Plant.

The City of Hermantown purchases its municipal water from the City of Duluth and is directly impacted by the needs for improvements to the City of Duluth's Lakewood Water Treatment Plant.

In 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency ordered the City of Duluth to make repairs to its water treatment plant infrastructure. This water treatment plant not only serves the City of Duluth, but also the surrounding cities of Proctor, Rice Lake, and Hermantown. The treatment plant is certainly a regional asset that needs to be improved.

Thank you for your leadership and service to the State of Minnesota. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide further insight or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Boucher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wayne" and last name "Boucher" clearly distinguishable.

Wayne Boucher
Hermantown Mayor