



**CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT**

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The Honorable XXXXX XX XXXXXXXXXXXXX  
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Dear Senator/ Representative XXXX,

The Clearwater River Watershed District Board of Managers strongly supports the portion of House Bill SF 3692 and Senate Bill 3415 that amends Minnesota Statue 446A.073 to increase the Wastewater Infrastructure Funding Program from 50% to 80%.

Members in our District are served by Small Community Wastewater Systems. Residential properties (approximately 112) are connected via collection systems to common points where advanced wastewater treatment occurs and the water recycled back to the soil. These systems have been in use for greater than 10 years. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has recently put stricter standards on these systems' operating permit for nitrogen reduction.

This presents a significant cost in excess of \$10,000 per homeowner for the required treatment upgrades. Currently introduced legislation HF 3692 & SF 3415 make the provision to increase the grant amount for this type of upgrade to 80% of eligible project costs under the Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) program.

We urge you to support the PSIG program funding and the increase to grant fund up to 80% of eligible project costs (HF 3692 & 3415). This will have a positive impact to the residents and continue to protect the water resources of the Clearwater River Watershed District.

On behalf of the Board of Managers,

Cole Loewen  
Administrator  
Clearwater River Watershed District