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State of Minnesota

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To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing to express my full support for federal funding for the crucial infrastructure project being undertaken by the City of Montrose and the City of Waverly. This project is a collaboration between the two cities, and the Howard Lake-Maple Lake-Annandale partnership. The initiative to regionalize the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and decommission the current plant in Montrose represents a significant step towards addressing the pressing challenges faced by our communities in wastewater management.

As you are aware, the Montrose WWTP currently operates at a critical 95% capacity, posing a substantial hindrance to the potential growth and the economic vitality of our municipalities. The limited capacity not only impacts our ability to welcome new tax bases, whether residential or commercial, but also threatens to burden existing residents with increased taxes and wastewater usage rates.

The proposed \$40 million project, with Montrose and Waverly contributing \$16 million, is essential to restore acceptable capacity levels and facilitate community expansion. Securing federal funding for this endeavor is crucial to alleviate the strain on our wastewater treatment infrastructure and safeguard the economic interests of our residents.

I urge you to lend your support to this project and work towards securing the necessary federal assistance. By doing so, we can ensure a more equitable distribution of financial responsibility, prevent the imposition of increased tax burdens on our residents, and promote sustainable economic growth for the benefit of our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to our continued collaboration in advancing the well-being of Montrose and Waverly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bruce Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" being particularly prominent.
Senator Bruce Anderson

Proudly serving the communities of Albion Township, Annandale, Buffalo, Buffalo Township, Chatham Township, Clearwater, Clearwater Township, Corinna Township, Delano, Franklin Township, French Lake Township, Howard Lake, Kingston, Kingston Township, Maple Lake, Maple Lake Township, Marysville Township, Middleville Township, Monticello, Monticello Township, Montrose, Rockford, Silver Creek Township, South Haven, Southside Township, Victor Township, Waverly, Woodland Township

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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Waverly, together with our neighbor the City of Montrose, would like to request federal funding support for our effort to regionalize our Wastewater Treatment Plant with the Cities of Annandale, Maple Lake, and Howard Lake. Our two cities must expand our Wastewater Capacity to meet new growth demands and we have found that the best, most efficient, most environmentally sound, and most cost effective way to do so will be to join our neighbors allowing them to expand their own capacity to meet future demand as well.

Regionalization of Wastewater Facilities means that the plant serving five cities will have the least possible impact on land use while allowing modernization of the infrastructure to meet the highest efficiency and environmental standards. Federal funding for the project would assist in alleviating financial burdens on local tax payers and also ensure that we have the necessary resources to implement state-of-the-art technologies that will safeguard our water and land resources for generations to come.

The residents of both Waverly and Montrose support this initiative as they recognize the many benefits that the project will bring to our cities and surrounding area. In addition to environmental advantages, regionalizing our Wastewater facility will encourage and promote economic growth, create jobs, and support affordable housing in all five cities. We believe that investment in this collaborative effort demonstrates our cities' commitment to responsible stewardship of all our resources and to the well-being of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Connie Holmes
Mayor, Waverly

Ben Duske
Councilmember

Scott Jacobson
Councilmember

Josh Reed
Councilmember

Tom Borrell
Councilmember



Dear Congressman Emmer,

As Mayor of Montrose, I am proud to advocate for the regionalization of our Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is a crucial initiative that merits federal funding support. This endeavor not only aligns with our commitment to environmental sustainability but also presents a unique opportunity to enhance the quality of life for our communities. By pooling resources and expertise with the Annandale-Maple Lake-Howard Lake WWTP Commission, we can modernize our infrastructure to meet the highest standards of efficiency and environmental protection. Federal funding for this project would not only alleviate financial burdens on our local taxpayers but also ensure that we have the necessary resources to implement state-of-the-art technologies that will safeguard our wastewater resources for generations to come.

I am confident that the residents of Montrose and Waverly will be supportive of this initiative, recognizing the numerous benefits it brings to our cities. Beyond the obvious environmental advantages, regionalizing our Wastewater Treatment Plant will promote economic growth, create jobs, and bolster our communities' resilience to growing environmental challenges. By investing in this collaborative effort, we demonstrate our commitment to responsible stewardship of our resources and the well-being of our citizens. Together, we can forge a brighter, more sustainable future for Montrose, Waverly, and the entire region.

Sincerely,

Kirby Moynagh

Mayor of Montrose

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Michelle Otto

Councilmember

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Sam Solarz

Councilmember

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Toby Nelson

Councilmember

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David Paradeise

Councilmember

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Joe McDonald
State Representative
District 29A
Wright, Meeker and Hennepin Counties



Minnesota House of Representatives

March 20th, 2024

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All my best,

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Rep. Joe McDonald
Minnesota House of Representatives
District 29A