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Frank Jewell, Chair
Clean Water Council
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for Metropolitan Council's 2022 - 2023 Clean Water Fund Request

Dear Mr. Jewell and Members of the Clean Water Council,

The City of Ramsey supports the Metropolitan Council's Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Clean Water Fund request. Water is fundamental to the prosperity and quality of life of our Twin Cities region. Every sector of our regional community relies on water – commerce, manufacturing, construction, health care, recreation, and agriculture. Over the past ten (10) years, the Metropolitan Council has received funding from the Clean Water Fund to support the following two programs that assist communities in the Twin Cities region to achieve sustainable water supplies:

- Metropolitan Area water supply sustainability support program
- Water demand reduction grant program

Through these two programs, the Clean Water Fund supports communities in implementing projects that address emerging drinking water supply threats, providing cost-effective regional solutions and tools, leveraging inter-jurisdictional coordination, supporting local implementation of water supply reliability projects, and preventing degradation of groundwater resources in the region.

These programs have fostered partnerships between and within organizations and shed additional light on greater water resource issues. Working together, Metropolitan Council and metro area cities are moving toward meeting our long-term goal of sustainable water supplies for current and future generations.

Many communities, including ours, have benefitted from these programs and will continue to benefit from the expansion of these programs, as we strive to use water more efficiently in the region. The City of Ramsey therefore respectfully requests that the Clean Water Council fully support the Metropolitan Council Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Clean Water Fund funding request.

Sincerely,

Mayor John LeTourneau

Cc: Paul Gardner, Clean Water Council Administrator, MN Pollution Control Agency
Deepa DeAlwis, Clean Water Council Coordinator, MN Pollution Control Agency
Ali Elhassan, Manager, Water Supply Planning, Metropolitan Council