



May 21, 2018

Governor Mark Dayton  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Dayton:

We are writing to strongly encourage you to line-item veto a \$1 million appropriation from the General Fund in FY 2020-2021 for "Analyzing Costs and Ratepayer Impacts of Water Quality Regulations" that was included in the final Bonding Bill (HF4425), which passed off the House floor just before midnight last night.

This is an appropriation to the Department of Administration for a grant to a higher education institution to review water quality regulations and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. This \$1 million appropriation is not related to capital investment. It should not be included in a capital investment bill and should not be funded with taxpayer dollars.

This provision is related to previous legislation put forth this session appropriating funding for the Minnesota Environmental Science and Review Board (MESERB). MESERB is a municipal joint powers organization that focuses on water quality issues affecting communities in Greater Minnesota. On its face, this is not a direct appropriation to MESERB, but it is evidently clear that they will use the information in this review, at the taxpayers' expense, to further their agenda of rolling back clean water protections.

In your tenure as governor, you've made clean water a focal point of your administration. This appropriation would be a detriment to clean water. We encourage you to line-item veto this \$1 million appropriation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick Hansen".

Rick Hansen  
State Representative, 52A

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jean Wagenius".

Jean Wagenius  
State Representative, 63B

